

## House Resolution No. 1720

**Whereas**, Lester "Les" Reaksecker of Maryville, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday with a special family celebration on April 4, 2004; and

**Whereas**, on April 7, 1914, God brought a special gift to Lester O. and Goldie (Busby) Reaksecker with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Les, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating his birthday, Les Reaksecker had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as growing up on a farm southwest of Maryville, attending Peace and Harmony rural school, graduating from Maryville High School in 1933, majoring in industrial arts at Northwest Missouri State University for three years; and being a member of the Rockford 4-H Club; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Les Reaksecker with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife of sixty-five years, Elenora "Corky" (Carmichael) Reaksecker; two children, Marvin Reaksecker of Denver, Colorado, and Linda Reynolds of Springfield, Missouri; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Les Reaksecker has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes commencing his career in insurance on July 5, 1938, as a farm agent with Gray Insurance Agency, from which he retired in 1982, following forty-four years of service; being the only remaining charter member of the local Kiwanis Club, for which he served as President in 1966; supporting the rationing board and the draft board during World War II; serving several years with the Chamber Ambassador Club; and volunteering with the American Red Cross for many years; and

**Whereas**, Les and Corky Reaksecker served as Parade Marshals for the Nodaway County Fair parade in 1998 and were honored with the Chamber's Good Citizenship award in 1991 for their efforts in planting and tending to the flower beds at St. Francis of Assisi and Judah Park; and

**Whereas**, a member of Maryville Methodist Church since 1943, Les Reaksecker is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Les Reaksecker at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Lester "Les" Reaksecker, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Lager  
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1720, adopted April 14, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker