

House Resolution No. 1724

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Ernest "Ernie" Galatas will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundred First Birthday with a special celebration on April 15, 2004, at the Veterans Home in Warrensburg, Missouri; and

Whereas, on April 15, 1903, in Madisonville, Louisiana, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ernie, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Ernie Galatas made his formal debut in 1903 along with such notable people as singer, songwriter, fiddler, and bandleader Roy Claxton Acuff; singer and actor Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby; comedian Leslie Townes "Bob" Hope; and orchestra leader Lawrence Welk; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Ernie Galatas was born the same year that the first World Series baseball game was played and the Rolls-Royce automobile company was founded in Britain; and

Whereas, Ernie Galatas has been an eyewitness to numerous national and international events, many of which are familiar to others only through the pages of history; and

Whereas, one of the oldest surviving veterans in the Show-Me State, Ernie Galatas is known, admired, and respected for serving his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1942 until 1946; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 101, Ernie Galatas 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 Ernie Galatas 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 centenarian Ernest Galatas as a measure of our tremendous esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

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. 1724, adopted April 14, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker