

House Resolution No. 2047

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Odessa Call of Oak Grove, Missouri, celebrated her Seventy-fifth Birthday on Sunday, February 15, 2004, when her friend, Fred Rodenbaugh, successfully planned and delivered a surprise party in her honor; and

Whereas, the day of the big party started off when Fred arrived at the home of Odessa to take her out to breakfast and present her with a birthday card; and

Whereas, Fred had already made arrangements unknown to the birthday girl to have Odessa's family members make excuses for why they couldn't come to town that day for a festive celebration, so she was feeling somewhat depressed about the dismal prospects for enjoying a happy birthday in the company of friends and relatives; and

Whereas, after Fred took her to an antique store, Odessa and he stopped at her house on the way to purchase the Sunday paper; and

Whereas, when Odessa entered her home she discovered it was filled with presents, flowers, a huge birthday card, cake, a money tree containing \$75.00 in one-dollar bills, and many of her relatives and friends, including her children, J.D. from Lenexa and Sondra from Springfield, and such other surprise guests as Fred's daughter, Freda McFallis, Earlene Dittsburg, and his two sons, Ron and Don; and

Whereas, the best birthday party ever experienced by Odessa finally came to a grand finale when the guests went outside to have a snowball fight with what remained of the twelve-inch snow which had fallen the week before:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Seventy-fifth Birthday of Odessa Call and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for having such a creative, wonderful group of friends and relatives who could pull off a surprise birthday and our best wishes for many more celebratory events to come in life; 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 Odessa Call of Oak Grove, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Rod Jetton
 Speaker Pro Tem
 District No. 156

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. 2047, adopted April 22, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker