

House Resolution No. 2709

Whereas, it is special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Leola Espey, a treasured resident of Maryville, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Eighty-fifth Birthday on April 25, 2004, with a festive celebration and Open House held at Parkdale Manor in Maryville; and

Whereas, Leola Espey came into this world on April 25, 1919, since which time she has witnessed such monumental events as man's walking on the Moon, the dawn of modern medical science, and world computerization; and

Whereas, Leola embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Durward Espey, a kind and caring gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until her passing from this world; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Leola Espey enjoyed her family immensely and showed her special love for them by dutifully caring for her home and remaining supportive of their every endeavor; and

Whereas, Leola Espey has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her two children, Karyn Roach and Tom Espey, both of Maryville; and her two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and three step-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now eighty-five years young, Leola Espey faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at Parkdale Manor where she now resides:

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 birthday greetings to Leola Espey as she proudly celebrates eighty-five years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; 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 Leola Espey, as a mark of our esteem for her.

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. 2709, adopted May 6, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker