

House Resolution No. 3359

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

Whereas, Virda Meadows of Mound City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on April 11, 2004, at the home of Gerald and Jane Meadows of Mound City; and

Whereas, on April 11, 1909, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Virda, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Virda Meadows had the opportunity to visit with Bob and Donna Meadows, Derek Salvation, and Kari Meadows of Paris, Missouri, Cheri Loutzenhiser of Auxvasse, and Max Meadows, Jim, Susan, and Ella McKenny and Scott, Sheri, and Sianna Meadows of Mound City; and

Whereas, Virda Meadows made her formal debut in 1909 along with such notable people as clarinetist and big band leader Benjamin David "Benny" Goodman, actress Katharine Houghton Hepburn, and entertainer Ethel Merman; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Virda Meadows was born the same year that the Indianapolis Motor Speedway held its first race on a dirt track, William Howard Taft was inaugurated as the twenty-seventh president of the United States, and W.C. Handy wrote Memphis Blues; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 95, Virda Meadows is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her 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 Virda Meadows at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her 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 Virda Meadows as a measure 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. 3359, adopted June 7, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker