

## House Resolution No. 2868

**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**, Edna Browning Duren, a treasured resident of Columbia, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on May 12, 2004; and

**Whereas**, Edna Duren came into this world in Boone County on May 12, 1904, and received her education at Barnett School; and

**Whereas**, Edna embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life in 1924, when she married her beloved William Myers Duren, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared forty-nine years of wedded success and happiness until his passing from this world; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Edna Duren enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a stellar employee of Hartzfelds and Parks Department Store; and

**Whereas**, a devout member of her church who derives an enormous amount of satisfaction from sewing and crocheting, Edna Duren has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her two children, her six grandchildren, and her thirteen great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now one hundred years young, Edna Duren faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at Columbia 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 Edna Duren as she proudly celebrates one hundred 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 Missouri centenarian, Edna Browning Duren, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Chuck Graham  
District No. 24

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. 2868, adopted May 7, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker