

House Resolution No. 3478

Whereas, it is with 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, Mary Butler, a treasured resident of Haiti, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on June 25, 2004, with a special celebration to be held at Pemiscott Memorial Nursing Home; and

Whereas, Mary Butler came into this world in Mississippi on June 19, 1904, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Frank Harris and Hannah Payne, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Mary embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Richard Neal, and was fortunate to find true love once again when she married her second husband, Ted Butler; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who derived a tremendous amount of satisfaction from sewing and making quilts, Mary Butler 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, a devout member of the First Baptist Church, Mary Butler has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her ten children, nine of whom are angels in heaven; and her twenty-eight grandchildren and thirty-seven great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Mary Butler 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 Pemiscott Memorial Nursing Home 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 Mary Butler 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 Mary Butler, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

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. 3478, adopted June 23, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker