

## House Resolution No. 4574

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably demonstrated a true dedication to serving others in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Oma Sloan Stepp of Ash Grove is one such person who developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for cooking for family, friends, and neighbors; baking pies for people; and lending a helping hand on all occasions whether she provided food to someone in need, or combed a sick neighbor's hair, or read the Bible to the blind; and

**Whereas**, a charter member of Fundamental Baptist Church, which now is known as Valley View Baptist Church, Oma Stepp has been richly blessed by God through a long life that has reached its One Hundredth Year; and

**Whereas**, born on October 15, 1903, into the family of Jim and Sally Sloan in the Grisham community, Oma Sloan enjoyed all of the traditional childhood pleasures and challenges that come with being one of thirteen children; and

**Whereas**, Oma Sloan had a twin sister named Ona, but their father nicknamed them "Polly" and "Peggy" while supporting the family through his blacksmith shop and his grocery store; and

**Whereas**, Oma Sloan was courted by her future husband Ray during the horse and buggy years of the early twentieth century, married him at the age of sixteen, and shared sixty-nine and one-half years of wonderful marriage, during which time she hung wallpaper, upholstered furniture, served as a custodian for Walnut Grove schools, and worked as a clerk for general elections; and

**Whereas**, Oma Sloan is the mother of five children, Doris (now deceased), Juanita, Jim, Freda (now deceased), and Darrell; the grandmother of thirteen, the step-grandmother of two, the great-grandmother of twenty-three, and the great-great-grandmother of many more:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the impressive longevity and exceptional personal achievements associated with the life and work of Oma Stepp and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon reaching her One Hundredth Birthday and our best wishes for many more momentous occasions to come; 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 in honor of Oma Sloan Stepp of Ash Grove, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative James Viebrock  
 District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4574, adopted November 5, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker