

House Resolution No. 4681

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, Mary Eugenia “Genie” Neal Wray of Maryville, Missouri, has attained a long-awaited milestone in her life--her Ninetieth Birthday; and

Whereas, born on October 3, 1913, in Pickering, Genie Wray celebrated her Ninetieth Birthday on October 5, 2003, with a gathering of family members and friends at First Christian Church; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Genie Wray established a family of her own through her joyful marriage on December 24, 1932, to Orville Wray who loved and cherished her with all of his heart until his death in 1994; and

Whereas, Genie Wray has also been blessed by the arrival of children in her marriage, Ronald Wray of Bonner Springs, Kansas, Phyllis James of Bettendorf, Iowa, Steve Wray of Harrah, Oklahoma, and Joyce Fagan of Excelsior Springs; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Genie Wray enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America’s preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in order to express its birthday wishes to such stellar citizens as ninety-year-old Genie Wray:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Ninetieth Birthday of Genie Wray and to convey to her this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations at attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; 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 Mary Eugenia “Genie” Neal Wray of Maryville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Brad Lager
 District No. 4

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. 4681, adopted November 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker