

House Resolution No.

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, Stella Wilfong, a cherished resident of Advance, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration at Advance Nursing Center; and

Whereas, on November 19, 1903, in Glennon, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Stella, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Stella Wilfong made her formal debut in 1903 along with such notable people as singer, songwriter, fiddler, and bandleader Roy Claxton Acuff; singer and actor Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby; comedian Leslie Townes "Bob" Hope; and orchestra leader Lawrence Welk; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Stella Wilfong had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her marriage to Harrison Wilfong (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Stella Wilfong has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include six children, two of whom are angels in heaven; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; and twelve great-great-grandchildren, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into her life; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 100, Stella Wilfong 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 Stella Wilfong 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 Missouri centenarian Stella Wilfong, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
 Representative Rod Jetton
 Speaker Pro Tem
 District No. 156

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. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker