

House Resolution No. 4753

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 Deal Drake of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, will soon attained the long-awaited status of Missouri Centenarian; and

Whereas, born on December 7, 1903, in Charleston, Missouri, into the family of Ella and John Deal, Mary Drake will celebrate her One Hundredth Birthday on December 7, 2003, with a gathering of family members and friends at the Bella Italia Restaurant; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Mary Drake established a family of her own through her joyful marriage on May 6, 1933, to Harvey Drake who loved and cherished her with all of his heart as he diligently provided for her needs and desires through his employment in journalism with the Southeast Missourian and The Girardean and as a farmer; and

Whereas, Mary and Harvey Drake were blessed by the arrival of two children, Mary Ella Waggener and Margaret "Peggy" McNeary; seven grandchildren, Mary Ella Yamashita, William McNeary, Drake McNeary, John Waggener, Drake Waggener, Robert Waggener, and Mary Waggener; and six great-grandchildren, Yoshio, Wilson, Mari, Maggie, Peyton, and Laura; and

Whereas, Mary Drake also deserves mention of her love of travel, especially to Florence, Italy, and involvement in the PTA, PEO, and Molly French Garden Club:

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 One Hundredth Birthday of Mary Drake 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 Deal Drake of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Lanie G. Black, III
 District No. 161

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. 4753, adopted December 2, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker