

House Resolution No. 4852

Whereas, it is special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Rosie Chasteen, a treasured resident of Vandalia, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a festive celebration and reception held November 25, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, Rosie Chasteen came into this world in Audrain County on November 25, 1903, since which time she has witnessed such monumental events as the Great Depression, the dawn of modern medical science, man's walking on the Moon, world computerization, and the advent of the Internet; and

Whereas, Rosie Chasteen was a bright and curious child who received her education at Crow School and joined the Presbyterian Church at Mount Olivet when she was just thirteen or fourteen years of age; and

Whereas, Rosie embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Kenneth Chasteen, an agent with Prudential Insurance in Vandalia for twenty-eight years who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world in 1970; and

Whereas, a remarkable woman who still cooks, drives, and lives in her own home, Rosie Chasteen derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from crocheting afghans and watching St. Louis Cardinal baseball and Mizzou Tiger basketball on the television; and

Whereas, Rosie Chasteen has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Patricia Chasteen of Maryville, Illinois; and her three grandchildren, Cynthia, Caryn, and Kenneth; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Rosie Chasteen 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 those she holds most dear:

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 heartfelt congratulations and birthday greetings to Rosie Chasteen as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and contentment 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 Rosie Chasteen, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____

Representative Terry L. Witte

District No. 10

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. 4852, adopted December 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker