

## House Resolution No. 209

**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**, Gladys Rebecca Watkins of Kansas City, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on February 5, 2005, at Bethany Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, on February 5, 1905, near Salisbury, God brought a special gift to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Knowles with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Gladys, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Gladys Watkins had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Charles Edward "Ed" Watkins and the birth of their only child; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Gladys Watkins with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include one son, Robert Edward Watkins, and one grandson, Travis Wesley Watkins; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Gladys Watkins has further distinguished herself by writing a small part of the introduction to Jeffery Spivak's book Union Station; and

**Whereas**, a seventy-seven year member of Bethany Baptist Church, Gladys Watkins 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-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Gladys Watkins 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 Gladys Watkins, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative John Burnett  
District No. 40

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 209, adopted January 24, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker