

House Resolution No. 245

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, Elizabeth Freeman, a cherished resident of Tarkio, Missouri, commemorated the truly inspiring and resplendent occasion of her One Hundred Fifth Birthday with a special celebration on January 12, 2005, at Northview Manor; and

Whereas, on January 12, 1900, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Elizabeth, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Elizabeth Freeman had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant endeavors in her life such as working as a nanny in St. Joseph for ten years prior to returning to Tarkio, where she worked at Clardy's Department Stores, the Golden Rule Store, and as a nanny for the Strautman family for twenty-two years; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Elizabeth Freeman was born the same year that Hawaii was made a United States territory, the United States won the first Davis Cup, and The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was published; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Freeman made her formal debut in 1900 along with such notable people as jazz cornet and trumpet soloist Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, actress Helen Hayes, and author of Gone With the Wind, Margaret Mitchell; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 105, Elizabeth Freeman 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 Elizabeth Freeman 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 Elizabeth Freeman, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

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. 245, adopted January 26, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker