

House Resolution No.

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

Whereas, Fern Owen, a treasured resident of Kahoka, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on April 3, 2005, with a festive celebration to be held at the Kahoka Senior Center; and

Whereas, Fern Owen came into this world in Stronghurst, Illinois, on April 4, 1905, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Gustavis William Swanson and Anna Louise Roseburg Swanson, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Fern embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Earl Owen, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world; and

Whereas, a devout member of the Kahoka Methodist Church, Fern Owen has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her three children, Mary Louise Cochenour, Robert Eldon Owen, and William Dean Owen; and her eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Fern Owen 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 her friends at the Kahoka Senior Center where she now resides:

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 birthday greetings to Fern Owen as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity 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 Fern Owen, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

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. ____, adopted _____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker