

House Resolution No. 1236

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, Joan Gresham Elms of Mound City, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration on March 11, 2005; and

Whereas, on March 11, 1925, in Big Lake, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Joan, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during the most exciting time in history, Joan Elms was born the same year that astronomer Edwin Hubble composed a classification scheme for galaxies, automaker Walter P. Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corporation, Clarence Birdseye began marketing his quick-frozen food packages, and John T. Scopes was tried in Tennessee for teaching the theory of evolution; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Joan Elms will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage on December 5, 1943, to Wayne D. Elms and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Joan Elms with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two daughters and their husbands, Debbie and Mike Summers of St. Joseph and Robin and Greg Hall of Mound City; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 80, Joan Elms 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 Joan Elms 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 octogenarian Joan Gresham Elms, as a measure of our 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. 1236, adopted March 14, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker