

House Resolution No. 1173

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Gerald "Dutch" Luke of Conception Junction, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Eightieth Birthday with a special family celebration in Kansas City; and

Whereas, on March 11, 1925, in Clyde, God brought a special gift to Frank and Regina Luke with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Dutch, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during the most exciting time in history, Dutch Luke 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 his birthday, Dutch Luke will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as being married to Mary Archer in 1947 in Conception Junction and helping raise their four children; and

Whereas, God has blessed Dutch Luke with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Mary Luke; four children, Peggy Schieber of Maryville, Edna Schieber and Gerry Luke of Kansas City, and Ray Luke of Duncanville, Texas; ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Dutch Luke is a member of St. Columba Church who enjoys playing the violin for nursing home residents, fishing, restoring old cars, and playing cards and Bingo; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 80, Dutch Luke is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his 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 Dutch Luke at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his 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 Gerald "Dutch" Luke, as a measure of our esteem for him.

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. 1173, adopted March 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker