

House Resolution No. 1426

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

Whereas, Fred Raby, a treasured resident of Cabool, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Ninety-fourth Birthday on January 29, 2005; and

Whereas, Fred Raby came into this world in Randolph County, Arkansas, on January 29, 1911, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents James C. and Mary Frances Walker Raby, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Fred Raby embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Vivian Harding, a kind and loving woman with whom he shared the love and affection of two fine children; and

Whereas, a retired farmer, Fred Raby is an invaluable member of his community where he has compiled an enviable list of service to the Masons for fifty-four years, the Township Board for twelve years, and the American Cancer Society, receiving several trophies and plaques for raising the most money and for being the oldest rider; and

Whereas, Fred Raby has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family which includes his two daughters, Wanda Ruth West and Karen Joy Ebbs; and his six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now ninety-four years young, Fred Raby faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, running for Township Board member again this year at the young age of ninety-four and riding the many Foxtrotter horses he owns and loves:

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 and robust congratulations to Fred Raby as he proudly celebrates ninety-four years of achievement, and in wishing him much peace and prosperity as he continues his 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 Fred Raby, as a mark of our esteem for him

Offered by _____
Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

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. 1426, adopted March 28, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker.