

## House Resolution No. 3262

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Mary Jo (Williams) Martin of Lebanon has attained considerable distinction as a graduate of Lebanon High School who was crowned Queen of the Magnet and elected class vice president during her senior year of studies in 1928; and

**Whereas**, Mary Jo Martin was born on October 28, 1909, in Anselmo, Nebraska, into the family of Dr. James and Sina Mae Williams which also included siblings Frances, Charlotte, Norman, and Richard; and

**Whereas**, after moving to Laclede County in her youth, Mary Jo Martin and her family moved into the town of Lebanon when she began high school; and

**Whereas**, Mary Jo Martin continued her education by enrolling in nurses training at what was then known as Morningside Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

**Whereas**, Mary Jo Martin remained in Tulsa and worked as a registered nurse for three years until the Louise G. Wallace Hospital was about to open in Lebanon in 1934 and she returned to help prepare it for business on opening day as one of the first nurses hired; and

**Whereas**, in addition to working as a surgical supervisor and in obstetrics and the emergency room at Wallace Hospital, Mary Jo Martin also served the Lebanon community as an industrial nurse at the Rice-Stix factory, for Head Start, for Doctors Johnson and Carrington, as a county public health nurse, and as a private nurse for friends in need; and

**Whereas**, Mary Jo married the best man in the world, Joe Martin, on June 27, 1935, to form a union which was blessed with the love and affection of a daughter, Mildred "Marty" Groenewold, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the very special status of Mary Martin as the oldest living Miss Magnet of Lebanon High School and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued accomplishment for many more years to come; 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 in honor of Mary Jo Martin of Lebanon, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Darrell Pollock  
District No. 146

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. 3262, adopted May 12, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker