

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, Velma I. Reed, a resident of Wheatland, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on September 6, 2004; and

Whereas, on September 6, 1914, in Galmeys, Missouri, God brought a special gift to Marion and Ethel Parson with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Velma, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Velma Reed will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her forty-three-year marriage to Dent Reed (deceased) and the birth of their only child; and

Whereas, God has blessed Velma Reed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include one daughter and son-in-law, Shirley K. and Glen Reno; one grandson, Darren Reno; and two great-grandsons, Josh and Zach Reno; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Velma Reed further distinguished herself as a teacher for thirty-two years prior to retirement, an endeavor that led to a new sixth grade classroom being dedicated to her at Wheatland School in 2003; and

Whereas, Velma Reed has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past nine decades, a few of which include gardening and watching professional basketball on television; and

Whereas, a fifty-six-year member of the Wheatland Baptist Church, Velma Reed 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-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Velma Reed 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 Velma I. Reed, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker