

## House Resolution No. 4060

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

**Whereas**, born on August 31, 1905, into the family of Arthur J. Lewis and Nora Earsel Gollaher, Wanda Benbenek recently celebrated her Ninety-ninth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at Shepherd's View Residential Care; and

**Whereas**, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Wanda Benbenek established a family of her own through her joyful marriage to Rudolph G. Benbenek who loved and cherished her with all of his heart; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Wanda and Rudolph Benbenek has been blessed with wonderful children, including Betty Ann Wetzel and the late Robert Benbenek; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Wanda Benbenek has been an active participant in the Couch School PTA, which she served as President; Myrtle School 4-H, for which she was an advisor; and the Thayer Senior Citizens; and

**Whereas**, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Wanda Benbenek enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Wanda Benbenek:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Ninety-ninth Birthday of Wanda Benbenek and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; 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 Wanda B. Benbenek.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mike Dethrow  
District No. 153

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. 4060, adopted September 14, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker