

## House Resolution No. 4126

**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**, Dorothy Kathleen (Osburn) Bell, a cherished resident of Riverways Manor Nursing Home in Van Buren, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on August 28, 2004, at Water Cress Park; and

**Whereas**, on August 28, 1914, in Rogers Creek, God brought a special gift to Willard Winston and Clarca Emiline (Huddleston) Osburn with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Dorothy, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Dorothy Bell had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Elbert Henry Bell and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Dorothy Bell with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children, Geneva May Bell, Charles Henry Bell, Clarca Jane Bell, and Gary Bud Bell; eleven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Dorothy Bell offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 90, Dorothy Bell 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 Dorothy Bell 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 Missouri nonagenarian Dorothy Kathleen (Osburn) Bell, as a measure of our esteem for her.

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. 4126, adopted September 21, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker