

**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**, Margaret (Praiswater) Townsend of Guilford, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Eighty-fifth Birthday with a special celebration hosted by her loved ones on May 30, 2005, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Roger Ford of Cosby; and

**Whereas**, on May 30, 1920, in New Point, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Margaret, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Margaret Townsend had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage on December 10, 1940, to Woodson Townsend (deceased), and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Margaret Townsend with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children and their spouses, Shirley and Roger Ford of Cosby, Kay Hudson of Belton, W.C. and Thelma of Union Star, Jon and Arleen of Guilford, Carol Townsend of Belton, and Larry Townsend (deceased); ten grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and one grandson and one great-granddaughter who are angels in heaven; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Margaret Townsend further distinguished herself by farming with her husband in Nodaway and Andrew counties; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 85, Margaret Townsend 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-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Margaret Townsend 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 Margaret Townsend, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Lager  
District No. 4

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. 3920, adopted July 6, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker