

**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**, Elizabeth "Betty" Kent will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration on August 21, 2005, at the Postal Credit Union; and

**Whereas**, on August 19, 1925, in Coffeyville, Kansas, God brought a special gift to Frederick and Catherine Shouteau with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Betty, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Betty Kent will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Loyal Kent and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Betty Kent with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include five children, Catherine, Barbara, Jeffrey, Anna Lee, and Darrin; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Betty Kent further distinguished herself by serving as a librarian in the St. Joseph School District, being a former member of the American Business Women's Association, and taking part in the Special Olympics; and

**Whereas**, Betty Kent derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her affiliation with St. Mary's Catholic Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to her as a cherished member; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 80, Betty Kent 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 Betty Kent 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 octogenarian Elizabeth "Betty" Kent, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Wildberger  
District No. 27

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. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker