

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, Nellie Ann Byrd, a resident of Hermitage, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-fifth Birthday with a special family dinner on September 18, 2004; and

Whereas, on September 21, 1909, in Wheatland, God brought a special gift to Alfred and Ethel Cooper with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Nellie, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Nellie Byrd had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her forty-seven-year marriage to Elmer Byrd (deceased) and the birth of their only child, Richard Byrd (deceased); and

Whereas, God has blessed Nellie Byrd with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two grandchildren, Christy Hunter and Tim Byrd; two great-grandchildren, Lynn Hunter and Kendra Hunter; and two great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Nellie Byrd further distinguished herself for seventeen years as co-owner of Byrd's Cafe; and

Whereas, Nellie Byrd has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past ninety-five years, a few of which include playing cards, making pies, and cooking her family's favorite foods:

Whereas, a member of the Christian Church in Hermitage, Nellie Byrd 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 Nellie Byrd 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 Nellie Ann Byrd, 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. 4319, adopted October 19, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker