

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Mary Helen Graham Atkins, a treasured resident of Oregon, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday on July 13, 2005; and

Whereas, Mary Helen Graham Atkins came into this world near Oregon on July 13, 1925, since which time she has witnessed with pleasure such monumental events as man's walking on the moon, the dawn of modern medical science, and world computerization; and

Whereas, on July 25, 1945, Mary embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Wayne E. Atkins, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared the love and affection of four fine children; and

Whereas, Mary Atkins has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her four children and their spouses, Robbie and Lonnie Atkins of Iola, Kansas, Jo Ellen and Rick Lincoln of Trimble, and Wayne Dean and Lila Atkins and Ron Atkins, all of Oregon; and her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now eighty years young, Mary Atkins faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

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 birthday greetings to Mary Atkins as she proudly celebrates eighty years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; 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 Mary Helen Graham Atkins, as a mark 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. ____, adopted _____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker