

## House Resolution No. 4581

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

**Whereas**, born on December 3, 1902, in Chariton County into the family of Jack and Mary Phillips, Wilma Riley will celebrate her One Hundred Second Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at her home in Versailles; and

**Whereas**, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Wilma Riley established a family of her own through her joyful marriage to Owen E. Riley who loved and cherished her with all of his heart for fifty-four wonderful years until his death; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Wilma and Owen Riley has been blessed with two children, Betty Dutcher and Reita Hammond; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Wilma Riley enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

**Whereas**, Wilma Riley is a homemaker who graciously reaped the benefits of gardening, fishing, and reading throughout much of her long life; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Wilma Riley:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundred Second Birthday of Wilma Riley and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; 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 in honor of Wilma W. Riley of Versailles, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Tom Self  
 District No. 116

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. 4581, adopted December 2, 2004.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker