

## House Resolution No. 746

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Rufus Tompkins, a cherished resident of Macon, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundred First Birthday with a special celebration on March 10, 2007, at the Macon Health Care Center; and

**Whereas**, on March 10, 1906, in Quincy, Illinois, God brought a special gift to John and Myrtle Tompkins with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Rufus, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating his birthday, Rufus Tompkins will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as growing up in the company of four sisters and eight brothers, attending Canton Public Schools, being married to Evelyn May Tompkins for seventy-two years, and helping raise their five offspring; and

**Whereas**, Rufus Tompkins has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include five children, Richard Tompkins, Gene Tompkins, Robert Tompkins, Gui Tompkins, and Mabis Lambert; twenty grandchildren; and twenty-one great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Rufus Tompkins provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones by working in a machine shop, building cabinets, and making yard ornaments; and

**Whereas**, Rufus Tompkins has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, a few of which include fishing, hunting, and doing carpentry work; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 101, Rufus Tompkins is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Rufus Tompkins at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his 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 centenarian Rufus Tompkins, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Shively  
District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 746, adopted February 22, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker