

## House Resolution No. 1451

**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 February 9, 1917, into the family of Jesse and Edith Yoakum of Maries County, William Edmund "Willie" Yoakum recently celebrated his Ninetieth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at the home of Rodney and Marilyn Yoakum on February 11, 2007; and

**Whereas**, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Willie Yoakum established a family of his own through his joyful marriage to Leatha Azalea Yoakum who loved and cherished him with all of her heart; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Willie and Leatha Yoakum was blessed with wonderful children, William Roger Yoakum, Gale Rodney Yoakum, and Nedra Jean Rhoads; six grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Willie Yoakum retired from Brown Shoe Company after working there for twenty-nine years; and

**Whereas**, Willie Yoakum subsequently farmed; was self-employed as a supplier of fur, roots, and herbs for thirty years; and raised registered Walker Coonhounds, including Lady, Dixie, Red, and his very favorite Kate; and

**Whereas**, a member of the Missouri Fur Trappers Association and the Missouri Association of Meat Producers, Willie Yoakum enjoys fishing, baseball, and politics; and

**Whereas**, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Willie Yoakum 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:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Ninetieth Birthday of Willie Yoakum and to convey to him 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 William Edmund "Willie" Yoakum of Dixon, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative David Day  
District No. 148

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. 1451, adopted March 27, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker