

House Resolution No. 3989

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, Mary McKissack of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on June 10, 2007, at the Excelsior Springs Convalescent Center; and

Whereas, in 1907, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Mary, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Mary McKissack will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as being married on August 15, 1928, to Paul McKissack and living in the same home for fifty years; and

Whereas, Mary McKissack made her formal debut in 1907 along with such notable people as former United States Supreme Court Justice Lewis Franklin Powell, Jr., American actress Barbara Stanwyck, and American film actor John Wayne; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Mary McKissack was born the same year that Oklahoma became the forty-sixth state of the Union, the Panic of 1907 began with the collapse of the United States stock market, Florence Nightingale became the first woman awarded the British Order of Merit, a stamp was two cents, federal spending was .58 billion dollars, and GE introduced a 3/4 television screen; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Mary McKissack 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-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Mary McKissack 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 Mary McKissack, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

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. 3989, adopted June 7, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker