

House Resolution No. 4675

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, Kellie C. Berry of Thayer, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on September 11, 2007; and

Whereas, on September 18, 1917, near Parma in New Madrid County, God brought a special gift to William and Fanny Berry with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Kellie, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Kellie Berry made his formal debut in 1917 along with such notable people as Broadway celebrity James Buchanan "Diamond Jim" Brady, jazz trumpeter-composer-bandleader John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, and former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron Raymond White; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Kellie Berry was born the same year that Anglo-American poet T.S. Eliot published The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock and the earliest jazz recordings were made in New York City; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Kellie Berry will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his sixty-five-year marriage to Marjorie Beckham, who is an angel in heaven; and

Whereas, Kellie Berry has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being the first farmer to introduce Charolais cattle in his community, and by working as a carpenter who built and renewed church buildings for his community and as a service to the Lord; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Kellie Berry 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 Kellie Berry 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 Kellie Berry, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

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. 4675, adopted September 10, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker