

House Resolution No. 96

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, Edna Juanita Barfoot Bentley of Gideon, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on March 1, 2008, at the Community Center in Gideon; and

Whereas, on March 7, 1918, in Cullman County, Alabama, God brought a special gift to Talmer Alphas and Harriett Lovena Abercrombie Barfoot with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Edna, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Edna Bentley will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Arthur George Bentley, Sr., and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Edna Bentley has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children, Barbara Herring, Larry Bentley, Shirley Clifford, Randall Bentley, Arthur Bentley, Jr., and Carolyn "Boo" Randolph; ten grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Edna Bentley has further distinguished herself by being a volunteer for the Malden Nutrition Center; being named the 1949 Women's Cotton Picking Champion of Blytheville, Arkansas, and Woman of the Year in Gideon; and being a member of the First Baptist Church, the Friendship Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the 4-H Club; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Edna Bentley 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 Edna Bentley 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 Missouri nonagenarian Edna Juanita Barfoot Bentley.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 96, adopted January 15, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker