

House Resolution No. 378

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to express a heartfelt "Happy Birthday" to Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Willie Mae Pulliam of Kennett, Missouri, was born in nearby Deering on February 12, 1933, as the youngest of the two children of Willie and Lillie Mae Brown; and

Whereas, on February 9, 2008, Willie Mae Pulliam will be the guest of honor at a Seventy-fifth Birthday celebration that will take place at the Catfish Wharf Banquet Hall; and

Whereas, the beloved wife of John Willie Pulliam for thirty-five years until his death in 1984, Willie Mae Pulliam is the mother of Mildred, John Willie, Jr., Robert, Henrietta, Hesper, Lawrence, Jimmy, Luetta, Peter Bob "Kermit", Ronnie, Lillie, and Dennis, all of whom graduated from high school and most of whom also graduated from college; and

Whereas, in addition to her own children, Willie Mae Pulliam lovingly raised the Prow children, Joe Willie, Charlie Mae, David Lee, Russell Lee, Gloria, and Betty, after the death of her sister; and

Whereas, when Joretta Glover needed a home, Willie Mae Pulliam took her in just as she did for other persons who were guided to her by the Missouri Division of Family Services; and

Whereas, Willie Mae Pulliam is the grandmother of twenty-seven children and the great-grandmother of ten more; and

Whereas, Willie Mae Pulliam was a pastor's wife for more than twenty years, and today she continues her good deeds on the Mother's Board at Victory Temple Church of God in Christ, where she has been recognized as Mother of the Year; and

Whereas, president of the Concerned Citizen Scholarship Committee, Willie Mae Pulliam also has volunteered for the Dunklin County Drug Task Force and as State Hospitality President for the Church of God in Christ;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Seventy-fifth Birthday of Willie Mae Pulliam and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for many more happy, productive years to come; 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 presentation to Willie Mae Pulliam of Kennett, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Todd
District No. 163

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. 378, adopted February 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker