

House Resolution No. 471

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Dover Alice Elizabeth Calip Barbee, a treasured resident of Kansas City, Missouri, who commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on December 15, 2007, with a festive celebration held at the Swope Ridge Geriatric Center; and

Whereas, Dover Barbee came into this world on a farm in Smith County, Texas on December 19, 1907, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Pete Calip and Dover Griffin, the first generation of free slaves born in the United States; and

Whereas, Dover received her formal education in Texas and embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Hobart Barbee on January 5, 1939, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared the love and affection of two fine children; and

Whereas, the proud owner of Dover's Dinette and The Candy Store who provided room and board for several needy individuals who were unable to find accommodations in the 1940s due to segregation in America, Dover Barbee was extremely active in her community through her affiliation with the Washington-Wheatly Neighborhood Association, Cannon Ball Express Neighborhood Block Club, Booker T. Washington PTA, Lincoln High School PTA, Golden Jubilee Convention, Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she holds distinction as the oldest living member; and

Whereas, Dover Barbee has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Hobart; her two children, Wilma Joyce Taylor and Hobart Calip Barbee; her four grandchildren, Earl Jeffery Taylor, Marguerite Elizabeth Taylor, Shelley Latreece Barbee, and Roxane Jenae' Hancock; and her five great-grandchildren, Trey Edward Horton, Nichole Ann Horton, Cyrus Earl Jeffery Horton, Cyrus Calip Hancock, and Cenae' Cheyenne Hancock; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Dover Barbee faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at the Swope Ridge Geriatric Center, where she now resides:

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 and robust congratulations to Dover Barbee as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; 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 Dover Alice Elizabeth Calip Barbee.

Offered by _____
 Representative Craig Bland
 District No. 43

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. 471, adopted February 7, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker