

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of longtime Show-Me State resident Bernice Thomas on March 24, 2008, at the age of eighty-one; and

Whereas, born on November 7, 1926, into the family of James and Alberta Smith, Sr., of Shelby County, Tennessee, Bernice Thomas worked as a Master Chef for forty-seven years at Pietros and Kreiss Restaurant in Saint Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Bernice Thomas was a member of Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, where she worked on the missionary and usher board, and volunteered as a senior companion at Kingdom House Community Service for five years, during which period she donated 1,617 hours of her time; and

Whereas, in 2005 Bernice Thomas received a Presidential Council Service Award signed by United State Senators John Glenn and Robert Dole in acknowledgment of her selfless community service during the year; and

Whereas, Bernice Thomas was justifiably proud to be known as the loving mother of Frank and Mona Smith, LaRoyce and Charles Holmes, Mah-lon and Gloria Grant, Lucous Daily, Rochelle and Sylvester Lewis, Patricia Winters, Lamoron Thomas, and Manfred Thomas; and

Whereas, Bernice Thomas also enjoyed watching her family grow to include twenty-four wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to acknowledge the passing away of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Bernice Thomas:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Bernice Thomas and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to her family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss her considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; 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 in memory of Bernice Thomas of Florissant, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Theodore Hoskins
District No. 80

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. ____, adopted _____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker