

House Resolution No. 2108

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, Ione Smith of Seymour, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration to be hosted by her loved ones on April 26, 2008, at American Legion Post 306; and

Whereas, on April 22, 1918, in Ashley, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ione, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Ione Smith will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage on September 14, 1932, to Paul Smith, and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Ione Smith has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include nine children, Doris Heard, Fred Smith, Ruth McPhail, Barbara Brooke, Wayne Smith, Dean Smith, Mary Smith, Rick Smith, and Norman Smith; twenty-nine grandchildren; forty-nine great-grandchildren; and ten great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted farmers wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Ione Smith offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Ione Smith has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include sewing, painting ceramics, and gardening; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Ione Smith 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 Ione Smith 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 Ione Smith, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

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. 2108, adopted April 22, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker