

House Resolution No. 2630

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, Erna Louise Riekhof, a cherished resident of Meyer Care Center in Higginsville, Missouri, will commemorate the truly resplendent occasion of her one hundred second birthday on May 26, 2008; and

Whereas, on May 26, 1906, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Erna, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Erna Riekhof will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such growing up in the company of two sisters and one brother, attending Higginsville High School, being married to Forest W. Riekhof (now deceased) for fifty-five years, and giving birth to their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Erna Riekhof with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, eleven grandchildren, and thirty great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Erna Riekhof 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, Erna Riekhof has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, a few of which include cooking, gardening, volunteering, helping others, and spending time with her loved ones; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of one hundred two, Erna Riekhof 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 Erna Riekhof 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 Erna Louise Riekhof.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike McGhee
District No. 122

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. 2630, adopted May 6, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker