

House Resolution No. 3512

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Lanson Phillips of Doniphan, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Ninety-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on May 17, 2008; and

Whereas, on May 15, 1913, in Poplar Bluff, God brought a special gift to William Lanson and Verle Lindell Phillips with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Lanson, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Lanson Phillips had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as growing up in the company of his siblings, Emma Morse, Alene Dickerson, George Phillips, Veda Bristow, Fonedra Loftis, James Stephen (who died shortly after birth), and Verle Hackenyos; and being married on October 18, 1938, to Jewell McElyea (deceased); and finding love a second time when he wed Tommie Sjolander (deceased) on November 8, 1948; and

Whereas, Lanson Phillips has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include one daughter, Susan Phillips of Columbia; and one stepdaughter, Jane Sjolander Phillips of Oakland, California; and

Whereas, named Man of the Year by the Ripley County Chamber of Commerce, Lanson Phillips has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes running the City Market in Doniphan; serving in the United State Army during World War II; opening an IGA Supermarket, followed by the IGA Foodliner, which he sold following at the time of his retirement; and being the member and leader of various boards, commissions, clubs, and organizations; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 95, Lanson Phillips is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his 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 Lanson Phillips at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his 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 Lanson Phillips, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

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. 3512, adopted June 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker