

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Vorece Pothenia Brooks, of St. Louis, Missouri, who will be recognized as a nonagenarian member of the Women's Missionary Society during the Annual Conference of the Southeast Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin Region of the Third Episcopal District Christian Methodist Episcopal Church to be held in early August of this year in St. Louis; and

Whereas, the Women's Missionary Society and Missionary Region President Christine S. Buchanan are saluting all the pioneering members of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church who have been blessed to live ninety years or more to show God's strength to all the generations that have followed them and in recognition of the Society's 90th anniversary; and

Whereas, born February 11, 1916, Vorece Pothenia Brooks is a loyal and faithful member of Parrish Temple CME Church, to which she has belonged since moving to St. Louis with her family in 1948, later joining the Parrish Temple Missionary Society under Sister Lucille Cooper and the Rev. Wilkins, Pastor; and

Whereas, Vorece Pothenia Brooks returned to school at the age of sixty-four and earned her CNA certification, becoming the top student in her class, and she worked and cared for her patients until she was eighty-four, when she took up work as a resident manager in her senior apartment complex; and

Whereas, reluctantly retiring at the age of ninety, she and a friend resumed their educations and received their information-technology certifications from the Human Development Corporation

Whereas, Vorece Pothenia Brooks is the wife of the late Samuel Brooks, the mother of four, grandmother of eleven, great-grandmother of eighteen, and great-great grandmother of five:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Vorece Pothenia Brooks on the illustrious occasion of being recognized as a nonagenarian member of the Women's Missionary Society, with our most sincere wishes for continued happiness and success; 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 honor of Vorece Pothenia Brooks and the Women's Missionary Society.

Offered by _____
Representative Talibdin El-Amin
District No. 57

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