

House Resolution No. 4612

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

Whereas, Richard Gregory Slawson of Hawthorne, California, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on November 22, 2008, at the Bluewater Grill in Redondo Beach, California; and

Whereas, on November 17, 1918, in St. Louis, Missouri, God brought a special gift to Dodd Byron and Ann Catherine Slawson with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Richard, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Richard Slawson will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his sixty-year marriage to Emma Torti (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Richard Slawson has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Richard Natale Slawson and John Allen Slawson; five grandchildren, Gregory Dodd Slawson, Natalie Ruth Slawson, Roman Charles Baker, Matthew Allen Slawson, and Michael Allen Slawson; and four great-grandchildren, Matthew Gregory Slawson, Christopher Andrew Slawson, Claudia Elyse Baker, and Christian Andrew; and

Whereas, Richard Slawson has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a World War II veteran of the United States Army who served as a Staff Sergeant and earned the Purple Heart, a Firefighter for the St. Louis Fire Department, and a member of United Association Steamfitters Local 250, from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Richard Slawson 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 Richard Slawson 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 Missouri nonagenarian Richard Gregory Slawson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael G. Corcoran
District No. 77

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. 4612, adopted November 12, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker