

SR-47, As Adopted by Senate, May 2, 2013

Senator Hunter offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 47.

A resolution to recognize Mrs. Jeralean Talley of Inkster, Michigan, the oldest person living in the United States.

Whereas, After verifying the names of Mrs. Jeralean Talley's parents and siblings in the 1900 Census, the Gerontology Research Group, which verifies age information for Guinness World Records, was able to confirm Mrs. Talley's date of birth, naming her the oldest person living in the United States and third-oldest person in the world; and

Whereas, Mrs. Jeralean Talley was born on May 23, 1899, in Montrose, Georgia, and who, at 113 years old, became the oldest person living in the United States on March 21, 2013. She moved to Detroit, Michigan, in 1935, and a year later, she was married to her husband, Alfred Talley; and

Whereas, Mrs. Talley has one daughter, Thelma Holloway, three grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, She has outlived the national average life expectancy of 78.7 years to reach the milestone of supercentenarian--a person who is 110 years old or older. Approximately 1 in 5 million people living in the United States become a supercentenarian; and

Whereas, Until the age of 104, Mrs. Talley was an avid bowler and looks forward to her annual fishing trips in May; and

Whereas, Mrs. Talley lives by the motto: Treat others the way you want to be treated. Such a spirit should be honored in our society today; and

Whereas, This milestone is certainly a time of celebration for her family and friends and one which offers us an opportunity to gratefully recognize the contributions of one of our nation's outstanding citizens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we congratulate Mrs. Jeralean Talley on becoming the oldest person living in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Jeralean Talley and her family, Governor Rick Snyder, the mayor of the city of Inkster, and the Inkster City Council as a token of our highest esteem.