

House Resolution No. 135

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives have tremendous respect for those federal employees who have devoted themselves to assisting Show-Me State residents and communities with the vexing problems that arise through the use and conservation of this state's resources; and

Whereas, Jeffrey Steven Douglas will be the guest of honor at a going away send-off sponsored by the Platte County Field Office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture on Wednesday, January 30, 2002; and

Whereas, transferring to Michigan after more than fifteen years with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jeff Douglas is a graduate of Park Hill Senior High School and Northwest Missouri State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy, attended graduate school, and qualified for a Farrier Certificate; and

Whereas, an agronomist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Jeff Douglas has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation down through the years for his activities with Delta Tau Alpha agricultural honor society, the American Farriers Association, his high school's National Honor Society program, the NWMSU Agricultural Club, and the Boy Scouts of America which awarded him its highest achievement award, the rank of Eagle; and

Whereas, no stranger to accolades and honors, Jeff Douglas received the Cris Ross Senior Agronomy Award; was High Point Individual at the Eighty-Niner Forging Contest in Guthrie, Oklahoma; and earned First Place at the Agricultural Brain Bowl, Second Place at the Oklahoma Draft Horse Shoeing Championships, and Sixth Place High Individual at the NACTA Soil Judging Contest; and

Whereas, Jeff Douglas offered technical advice and testimony before the Missouri House of Representatives in the creation and ultimate passage into law of Missouri's Farmland Protection Act, the first law of its kind in Missouri and a law which has since been accepted by a national legislative organization, the Council of State Governments, as model legislation for the nation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar legacy of professional labors wrought by Jeff Douglas with the Natural Resources Conservation Services of Platte City, Missouri, and to convey to him this legislative body's sincerest congratulations and best wishes as he and his wife, Peggy, partake of new challenges and opportunities in the state of Michigan; 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 to honor the work of Jeffrey Steven Douglas with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Offered by _____
Representative Luann Ridgeway
District No. 35

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 135, adopted January 28, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

