

House Resolution No. 494

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative duties in order to recognize a milestone event in the life of an exemplary citizen who has donated much time, energy, and talent to his beloved community and the surrounding environs; and

Whereas, Shirley Warren Collins was born on Tuesday, October 13, 1921, on a farm four miles north of Collins, Missouri, where he grew up in a family with seven children and graduated from high school; and

Whereas, employed as a shovel operator at a nearby limestone quarry east of Collins, Shirley Collins married his high school sweetheart, Ruby Baumgarden, in 1941 before he was drafted into the Army during World War II to serve from February 18, 1943, until December 14, 1945; and

Whereas, returning home after his army experience, Shirley Collins supported his growing family which welcomed with joy and thanksgiving each new arrival, including Beverly, Herb, and Doug; and

Whereas, Shirley Collins was elected St. Clair County Sheriff in 1952, a position he held for thirty-two years until his retirement in 1984; and

Whereas, in 1976 his beloved wife died leaving Shirley Collins at a loss for how to fill the void in his life until he once again found love in the person of Donna, whom he married in 1978; and

Whereas, Shirley Collins served as St. Clair County Committeeman from Doyal Township for several years; and

Whereas, on March 1, 2002, Shirley Collins will receive special recognition at the St. Clair County Lincoln Days celebration in light of his exceptional history of service to the inhabitants of St. Clair County:

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 contributions of Shirley Collins to the esteemed residents of St. Clair County and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon his receipt of well-deserved accolades on March 1, 2002, at St. Clair County Lincoln Days in Osceola; 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 Shirley Warren Collins of Collins, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Delbert L. Scott
District No. 119

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. 494, adopted February 27, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker