

House Resolution No. 46

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the careers of Show-Me State residents who have admirably demonstrated impressive dedication and devotion to their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Vernon Gage of Tipton, Missouri, enjoyed universal acclaim while General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of Co-Mo Electric Cooperative, Incorporated, a stellar leadership endeavor which he drew to a close with retirement on December 31, 2002; and

Whereas, associated with Co-Mo Electric Cooperative for an outstanding forty-four years, Vernon Gage served that illustrious organization as a bookkeeper beginning on June 5, 1958, as an Administrative Assistant from 1975 to 1977, as Assistant Manager from 1977 to 1980, and as General Manager/Chief Executive Officer since April 1, 1980; and

Whereas, Vernon Gage developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for his productive affiliation with the National Guard; as Charter Member and Past President of the Missouri Electric Cooperatives Employees Credit Union; as Past Secretary and Director of the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives; as Past President, Director, and District III Manager of the Central Electric Power Cooperative; as Director of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; as President and Charter member of the Kiwanis; as a supporter of the Tipton Chamber of Commerce and Republican Party; and as a member of the Capital Region Board of Governors and friends of the Maclay Home; and

Whereas, married to his beloved Peggy K. Hutchison since June 20, 1964, Vernon Gage is a graduate of Tipton High School and the holder of a 24-Hour Certificate in Supervision and Management from State Fair Community College in Sedalia:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional achievements of Vernon Gage during the course of his many years of active employment and leadership with Co-Mo Electric Cooperative and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 the well-deserved retirement of Vernon Gage as General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of Co-Mo Electric Cooperative, Incorporated.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry Crawford
District No. 117

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 46, adopted January 14, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker