

## House Resolution No. 74

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

**Whereas**, Danny Hensley, an esteemed resident of Carthage, Missouri, will be recognized as the 2002 Carthage Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year during the organization's annual banquet to be held January 17, 2003, at the Precious Moments Convention Center; and

**Whereas**, a longtime civic leader, community volunteer, and patron of the arts, Danny Hensley is a strong supporter of numerous organizations, including the Carthage Little League Baseball program, Fairview Christian Church, and the annual Midwest Gathering of the Artists, one of the largest art shows in the nation, of which he is a principal founder; and

**Whereas**, Danny Hensley is a lifelong resident of Jasper County and sixth generation descendent of honored Jasper County pioneers whose efforts to maintain the history and heritage of Jasper County were evident as he presided over the two-year-long celebration of the centennial of the Jasper County Courthouse, assisted in the publication of the book "Jasper County, the First Two Hundred Years", helped establish the Battle of Carthage State Park, and played a leading role in the preservation and re-marking of Pioneer Cemetery at Carthage; and

**Whereas**, Danny Hensley was appointed to fill a vacancy as Eastern District Judge of the Jasper County Court in 1984 and was elected the first Presiding Jasper County Commissioner in 1986, a position through which he led the challenging transition from second class to first class county status and the most extensive bridge-building effort in the County's history, was responsible for major improvements in County roads, and helped devise an initiative that led to the construction of the Jasper County Law Enforcement Center, a modern addition to the Jasper County Courts Building in Joplin, and the renovation of the County Detention Center in Joplin; and

**Whereas**, Danny Hensley was also instrumental in the purchase of a four-acre tract for the Jasper County Common Road District, control of litter throughout the County, development of plans for the Fair Acres Sports Complex, and the forging of cooperative relationships among officials at all levels of various governmental bodies within Jasper County:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Danny Hensley at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; 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 2002 Citizen of the Year, Danny Hensley.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Steve Hunter  
 District No. 127

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. 74, adopted January 16, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker