

House Resolution No. 478

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Virgil Turpin of LaBelle, Missouri, has earned distinction for the excellent manner with which he has wholeheartedly served his hometown and his nation in a wide variety of venues; and

Whereas, Virgil Turpin joined the LaBelle Fire Department in 1947, after which time he joyfully accepted a series of increasingly responsible duties which began with the position of Firefighter and subsequently included the office of Fire Chief; and

Whereas, with unquestioned civic commitment and leadership, Virgil Turpin proved to be instrumental in the formation of the LaBelle Fire District in 1990 and assisted with the establishment of Fire Station Number 2 in 1994 in nearby Steffenville; and

Whereas, the LaBelle Fire District has demonstrated growth and progress thanks in large measure to the diligent work and dedication evinced by Virgil Turpin as a valuable and involved member of the LaBelle community who was justifiably elated when the District was selected as Volunteer Fire Department of the Year 2000 by the Firefighters Association of Missouri; and

Whereas, Virgil Turpin is married to Rose, an active member of the LaBelle Fire Department Auxiliary who is exceptionally proud of her husband's other achievements as an eighteen-month veteran of the United States Army and twenty-two-year employee with the Northeast Missouri Soil Conservation Service;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the fifty-six years which Virgil Turpin devoted to the LaBelle Fire Department and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he continues to make LaBelle his home; 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 Virgil Turpin of LaBelle, Missouri, as an expression of our respect and gratitude for all of his invaluable civic contributions.

Offered by _____
 Representative Brian Munzlinger
 District No. 1

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. 478, adopted February 25, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker