

## House Resolution No. 862

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to recognize an outstanding Missourian who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the area of public service; and

**Whereas**, Donald Lee Smith will retire as Mayor of Archie, Missouri, on April 8, 2003, after a busy eighteen-year period of serving the citizens through expert guidance and devoted commitment to community advancement while keeping the best interest of the citizens on his mind; and

**Whereas**, Donald Smith graduated from Archie High School in 1949, attended Missouri University for three and one-half years, and entered United States Air Force Pilot Training on February 13, 1954; and

**Whereas**, while in the military, Donald Smith trained on the T-6, T-28, T-33, and F86; and flew the F-86 to France in 1956, and the F-100 to Turkey in 1959 and to Taiwan in 1960, during which time he flew over both oceans and refueled in mid-air; and

**Whereas**, stationed in various locations throughout the United States and Greenland, Donald Smith retired while based at Ellington Air Force Base in Houston, Texas, in 1973; worked at Texas Commerce Bank in Houston from 1973 to 1974; and returned to Archie in July 1974; and

**Whereas**, a member of the Archie United Methodist Church, Donald Smith served six years on the School Board and eight years as West Alderman in Archie before being elected Mayor in 1985, a position in which he has provided unparalleled leadership while still maintaining his family farm; and

**Whereas**, Donald Smith has been blessed with the love of a wonderful family whose members include his wife of forty-eight years, Virginia (Hodges) Smith; and his children, Warren D. Smith, Janetta M. Kendrick, and Philip H. Smith:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join the citizens of the City of Archie in expressing our heartfelt appreciation to Donald Smith for his years of dedicated and tireless service to the community and in wishing him the long, enjoyable, and fruitful retirement he so justly deserves; 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 Donald Lee Smith, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Shannon Cooper  
 District No. 120

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. 862, adopted March 17, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker