

## House Resolution No. 855

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably devoted themselves to the betterment of local communities and neighborhoods through their volunteer efforts on behalf of others; and

**Whereas**, Donald E. Summers of Blue Springs, Missouri, has distinguished himself through a life of sharing and helping others; and

**Whereas**, in 1960, Don Summers joined the Jaycees organization in North Kansas City, for which he organized and then ran a Christmas Basket Program for the next ten years; and

**Whereas**, after moving to Joplin in 1971, Don Summers joined the Elks and began a Christmas Program there which was assisting more than two hundred families each Christmas by 1985; and

**Whereas**, Exalted Ruler of Joplin Elks Lodge #501 from 1980 to 1981, Don Summers moved to Blue Springs in 1987 and became active in the Blue Springs Elks Christmas Program which has steadily increased the number of families being assisted each year; and

**Whereas**, in addition to Elks programs, Don Summers has been an invaluable member of the Salvation Army for twenty-five years, has served on its Board of Directors, and received its Volunteer of the Year award in 1999; and

**Whereas**, Don Summers can proudly reflect on the fact that his efforts have helped an estimated five thousand families and twenty thousand individuals since he embarked upon an ongoing community service sojourn in 1960; and

**Whereas**, Don Summers truly embodies the Elks' motto of "Elks Care and Elks Share":

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the civic service so freely given by Don Summers down through the years and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his diverse philanthropic activities and our best wishes for many more years of resounding personal and professional success to come; 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 exemplary citizen Donald E. Summers of Blue Springs, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Ray Salva  
 District No. 51

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. 855, adopted March 17, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker