

House Resolution No. 1042

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to pause in their diverse legislative activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have excelled in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Larry "Tuna" Hentges of Jefferson City, Missouri, has generously contributed an unmeasurable amount of time and energy to IBM in a thirty-two-year-long association which he will draw to an honorable close on March 31, 2003, in retirement; and

Whereas, unofficially holding the revered title of Parts "Guru", Larry Hentges is officially known at IBM as a Parts Analyst/Staff Assistant of considerable merit; and

Whereas, during his more than three decades with IBM, Larry Hentges has worked his way up the corporate ladder through increasingly responsible positions in Parts Administration and has earned a prestigious Regional Managers Award and four IBM Service Awards; and

Whereas, Larry Hentges has not only developed an excellent reputation in light of his employment pursuits, but has maintained that stellar reputation through such community-oriented activities as participating in Knights of Columbus for thirty-four years and helping that organization develop a much-appreciated Bingo program; contributing thirty-four years to the American Legion; serving St. Peter's Catholic Church as Parish Council President and member of Holy Name Society; working with Special Olympics golf and softball; supporting Helias Foundation for six years; and serving as a football official for thirty years, an endeavor which he joyfully broadened to include coaching his sons in football, baseball, and basketball; and

Whereas, a Vietnam veteran who was in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969, Larry Hentges has been married to his beloved Suzi for twenty-three years and has enjoyed watching his son, Stuart, grow up to follow in his dad's footsteps in the areas of football and cooking, and his son, Colby, retrace his dad's career in the Navy as a sailor stationed in Norfolk, Virginia:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career achievements and impressive personal accomplishments garnered by Larry Hentges down through the years and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon partaking 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 Larry "Tuna" Hentges of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

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. 1042, adopted March 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker