

House Resolution No. 1271

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have developed and maintained reputations for excellence in all of their endeavors; and

Whereas, Barbara Welch of Carthage, Missouri, has served the citizens of that great city for twenty-nine years, an impressive undertaking which she will draw to a close on May 1, 2003, in retirement; and

Whereas, Carthage City Clerk for twenty-seven years, Barbara Welch brought to that office a wealth of knowledge and experience garnered from her two-year-long service as Deputy Clerk and her earlier employment as a young woman at Tiger Theater and as an adult in the legal, accounting, and construction fields and as an office worker at Rocketdyne in nearby Neosho; and

Whereas, skilled in shorthand and typing and a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Barbara Welch is justifiably proud of her ability to keep city records organized and accessible in a fireproof storage vault which contains the original ordinance book from 1868; and

Whereas, in her role as a certified City Clerk, Barbara Welch supervises the work of three employees, including City Collector Vicki Cockrell, Payroll Clerk Debra Harrison, and Accounts Payable Clerk Carla Whitman whose recent efforts were responsible for the accuracy and issuance of 182 W-2s to city employees in January and the mailing out of 6,000 tax statements; and

Whereas, Barbara Welch will take many fond memories with her into a retirement which will be filled with additional free time to spend with her beloved mother, Ann Morris; wonderful brother, Bryce Morris; loving children, Lori Miller, Jeff Welch, and Greg Welch; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, and in cataloging a large collection of family photographs:

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 dedication, superb skills, and tremendous knowledge evinced by Barbara Welch during her twenty-nine years with the City Clerk's office of Carthage and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as she partakes 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 Barbara Welch from Carthage city government.

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. 1271, adopted April 1, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker