

House Resolution No. 1359

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge significant events in the histories of Show-Me State communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, on Sunday, April 6, 2003, Mexico Elks Lodge 919, in cooperation with many of the town's citizens and with the members of the City Council, will observe "Operation Godspeed Day"; and

Whereas, Operation Godspeed Day will be a program of prayers and music which is designed to honor local heroes who have been sent to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other regions as members of the various branches of the United States military to further the interests of our nation through elimination of the infrastructure for terrorist acts against the United States and our allies worldwide; and

Whereas, Operation Godspeed Day will provide an appropriate platform to express thanks and appreciation to those local residents who have answered the patriotic call to national service and to wish them safety in their assignments and a swift return home; and

Whereas, the town of Mexico, Missouri, is already ablaze with associated yellow ribbons to demonstrate Residents' solidarity with this nation's troops and support of their military endeavors; and

Whereas, the members of Mexico Elks Lodge 919 truly believe that Operation Godspeed Day is an appropriate venue to demonstrate support for the men and women who serve in the United States armed forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom and other ongoing programs to battle terrorism and to help establish democratic principles of governance, the dignity of the individual, and the value of human rights:

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 record of community involvement garnered by the officers and members of the Mexico Elks Lodge down through the years and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest commendation of their efforts on behalf of "Operation Godspeed Day" and our best wishes for continued success for many more years 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 Mexico Elks Lodge 919.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

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. 1359, adopted April 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker