

House Resolution No. 1696

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 proven down through the years to be exceptionally committed to local communities and neighborhoods through their stellar endeavors in the field of journalism; and

Whereas, Hazel Bledsoe Smith of Kahoka, Missouri, owned and operated the Kahoka Media, Edina Sentinel, and LaBelle Star newspapers, the free-distribution Sentinel Advertiser of Edina, and the Star Printing business headquartered in LaBelle until their recent sale to Mike and Sue Scott of Fremont, Nebraska; and

Whereas, a writer and publisher for forty-three years, Hazel Smith decided to bring her long relationship with the publishing industry to a close in order to enjoy the special opportunities and pleasures that are traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement while she and her husband, Bob, have the health and resources to engage in other pursuits; and

Whereas, a native of Arkansas, Hazel Smith moved to LaBelle in 1950, became co-owner of the Star in 1962, purchased the Edina Sentinel in Knox County in 1976, and started the Kahoka Media in Clark County in 1978; and

Whereas, Hazel Smith became sole proprietor of the LaBelle Star, Sentinel Advertiser, and the Star Printing businesses when the entrepreneurial businesswoman bought out her co-owner's share; and

Whereas, in retirement Hazel Smith plans to give up her apartment in Kahoka and move to the family farm in Monroe City where her husband is a forester in addition to his responsibilities in running Star Printing; and

Whereas, Hazel and Robert Smith will be the guests of honor at a retirement reception to be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at the C.A.R.E. Building in Kahoka:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the more than four decades Hazel Smith has spent in the newspaper publishing business and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon her well-deserved 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 for Hazel Bledsoe Smith of Kahoka, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

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. 1696, adopted April 9, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker