

House Resolution No. 2082

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to extend a hearty Show-Me State welcome to an honorable citizen who has contributed an innumerable amount of time and energy to federal leadership roles; and

Whereas, Orson Swindle of Alexandria, Virginia, enjoys selection as the Honored Guest and Speaker for Memorial Day ceremonies to be conducted by the people and institutions of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on Monday, May 26, 2003; and

Whereas, Orson Swindle was a Vietnam Era Prisoner of War who was shot down over North Vietnam during what was scheduled to be the last and 205th combat mission of a career in which he earned twenty military decorations for valor, including two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts; and

Whereas, imprisoned by the North Vietnamese for six years and four months, Orson Swindle was released from captivity on March 4, 1973, and retired from the Marines in 1979 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

Whereas, after the end of his military career, Orson Swindle served the Reagan Administration from 1981 to 1989 by directing financial assistance programs for economically distressed rural and municipal areas of the country, as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Development, and as State Director of the Farmers Home Administration in the United States Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas, Orson Swindle was the first national leader of United We Stand America, a participant in the establishment of Empower America, and sworn in on December 18, 1997, as a Republican Commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission, since which time he has been appointed Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Experts Group:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Lieutenant Colonel Orson Swindle, United States Marine Corps (Retired), and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state of Missouri and our sincere appreciation of his patriotic endeavors on behalf of the 2003 Memorial Day observances by the city of Sikeston; 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 Orson Swindle of Alexandria, Virginia, as an expression of our esteem for him and his diverse military and civilian service to this great nation.

Offered by _____
Representative Peter C. Myers, Sr.
District No. 160

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. 2082, adopted April 22, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker