

House Resolution No. 3808

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who risked his life time and again to ensure the safety and protection of those he served; and

Whereas, Tom Schlitz, an esteemed resident of St. Joseph, Missouri, officially retired from the St. Joseph Fire Department on September 29, 2002, after thirty-four years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Tom Schlitz brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to his position as Fire Captain for Ladder 5 A-Shift, prior to which time he served the St. Joseph Fire Department as a driver, training officer, and firefighter; and

Whereas, Tom Schlitz distinguished himself as a valued member of the St. Joseph Fire Department for more than three decades, during which time he attended many classes on rescue, earned the Class 1 Gold Medal of Valor, and responded to every conceivable emergency including multi-alarm fires, vehicle extractions, and medical and Haz Mat emergencies; and

Whereas, an avid golfer who greatly enjoys camping and fishing, Tom Schlitz is exceedingly proud of his active affiliation with Firefighters Local 77 and Trinity United Brethren in Christ Church; and

Whereas, Tom Schlitz has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Rosa; his two children, Sally and Thomas, Jr.; his three stepchildren, Roger, Ronda, and Jason; and his twelve grandchildren:

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Tom Schlitz, a remarkable individual whose unwavering commitment to excellence in fire protection has earned him the praise and respect of all those who know him:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Tom Schlitz for his thirty-four years of unparalleled service to the St. Joseph Fire Department, and in wishing him only the very best as he partakes in the many opportunities associated with 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 Tom Schlitz.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ed Wildberger
 District No. 27

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. 3808, adopted August 18, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker