

House Resolution No. 478

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened to learn of the death of Thomas G. “Tom” Tucker, Jr., on Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at the age of sixty-two; and

Whereas, an esteemed resident of Perryville, Tom Tucker was born on February 11, 1941, in Cape Girardeau into the loving family of Thomas Gilmore and Emma Catherine (Blechle) Tucker; and

Whereas, after a childhood filled with memorable educational and rewarding experiences, Tom Tucker established a family of his own through his marriage on July 17, 1976, to the former Brenda Coy, a relationship which was blessed down through the years with the presence of three daughters, Cindy Fahrendorf of Ellisville, Missouri, Amy Tucker of Nashville, Tennessee, and Emily Tucker of Perryville; and two grandsons; and

Whereas, Tom Tucker served as the first Executive Director of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission from his hiring in 1970 until his resignation on Friday, January 23, 2004, just a few short days before his passing; and

Whereas, Tom Tucker brought a professional approach to management of local government through his position as Executive Director of an organization devoted to serving the county and city governments located in Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, Madison, Iron, Saint Francois, Sainte Genevieve, and Perry counties; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Navy, Tom Tucker was primarily known for his work with developing city and county master plans and in establishing water and sewer systems in southeast Missouri, but he also turned his attention to such activities as helping small towns petition for federal funding to pay for the electricity needed to illuminate streets at night; and

Whereas, Tom Tucker was also affiliated with St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, National Association of Development Organization, NARC, National Association of Regional Councils, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Third Degree Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, NATD, and Citizens Electric Corporation; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Tom Tucker and to convey this legislative body’s most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, and colleagues who now miss his considerable light and warmth in their daily lives; 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 memory of Tom Tucker of Perryville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 478, adopted February 10, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker