

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize David W. “Dave” Hitsman, an esteemed resident of Camdenton, Missouri, who will officially retire from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on March 1, 2004; and

Whereas, throughout his impressive tenure as a Park Maintenance Worker at Ha Ha Tonka State Park in Camdenton, Dave Hitsman has put forth a tremendous amount of effort to make the Park a favorite attraction for tourists and local residents alike; and

Whereas, a former firefighter, Dave Hitsman joined the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as a temporary seasonal laborer at Lake Wappapello State Park in 1989; and

Whereas, the millions of people who have visited Ha Ha Tonka State Park have greatly enjoyed the facilities that Dave Hitsman has so lovingly cared for over the years; and

Whereas, Dave Hitsman participated in the controlled burns to restore savanna landscape at Ha Ha Tonka, serving on the firelines for most of the burns; and

Whereas, more than one hundred inmates from the Missouri Department of Corrections have worked closely with Dave Hitsman, helping care for the Park and learning the important values of hard work; and

Whereas, Dave Hitsman has carved pumpkins, made decorations, and served as a hayride driver, marshmallow toaster, and parking lot attendant for the annual Ha Ha Haunt held each October; and

Whereas, Dave Hitsman has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his devoted wife, Joyce, who has proudly supported his long and illustrious career; and

Whereas, Dave Hitsman will be recognized for his many contributions to Ha Ha Tonka State Park during a special retirement celebration and dinner to be held in his honor:

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 Dave Hitsman for his fifteen years and five months of unparalleled service to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and to the citizenry of the Show-Me State, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; 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 David W. Hitsman.

Offered by _____
Representative Wayne Cooper, M.D.
District No. 155

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. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker