

House Resolution No. 638

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of “Outstanding Missourian” through their character, deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Gerald William Gilkey of Lamar, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a local public servant, civic leader, and businessman whose career has encompassed more than five decades; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, Gerald Gilkey will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

Whereas, Gerald Gilkey is a graduate of Sheldon High School who attended Kansas State College and married his beloved Betty Jo before being drafted into the Army Air Corps during World War II; and

Whereas, after the end of the war and of his honorable military service in the Aleutian Islands, Gerald Gilkey returned to Missouri to begin a career in business that would take him into retail sales, first with automobile parts and then as a dealer of Fords, Oldsmobiles, Chevrolets, and Geos; and

Whereas, Gerald Gilkey proved to be just as successful as a political leader as he was as a businessman when he ran for City Alderman in 1959 followed by a move into the Mayor’s office six years later; and

Whereas, Gerald Gilkey served as Mayor for thirty-six years, during which time he famously gave the residents of Lamar free utilities at two different Christmas holidays and expended a considerable amount of time and energy volunteering with numerous service, governmental, and religious organizations:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Gerald Gilkey as an “Outstanding Missourian” and to extend to him this legislative body’s most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on March 9, 2004, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; 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 honor of "Outstanding Missourian" Gerald W. Gilkey of Lamar, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ed Emery
 District No. 126

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. 638, adopted February 18, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker