

House Resolution No. 1399

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the new Hammons Field in Springfield, Missouri, which will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its Grand Opening during the weekend of April 2-4, 2004; and

Whereas, an expected crowd of 10,000 people will file into the new \$32 million John Q. Hammons Field in Jordan Valley Park for Friday's grand opening, during which the Southwest Missouri State University Bears Baseball Team will officially break in their new home against Southern Illinois; and

Whereas, the opening of Hammons Field will be a milestone so special and noteworthy because the promise of a new ball park for the City of Springfield has finally become a reality; and

Whereas, for many years, efforts made to bring a new ball park to Springfield fell short due to lack of funding and interest of local taxpayers; and

Whereas, John Q. Hammons, a successful hotel magnate and Springfield philanthropist, stepped up to the plate and constructed the new ball park on fifteen acres of land just a long home run away from his downtown Springfield office buildings and the University Plaza Convention Center and hotel; and

Whereas, John Q. Hammons hopes to bring a Double-A minor league baseball team and a Texas League team to Springfield in 2005; and

Whereas, Hammons Field is equipped with most of the luxuries of a big-league stadium which include twenty-eight skybox suites, a lavish million-dollar scoreboard, major-league caliber clubhouses, indoor training facilities, and a beautiful green playing surface, all of which are sure to be the pride of Springfieldians for many years to come:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to John Q. Hammons and to all those other dedicated individuals affiliated with Hammons Field at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; 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 Hammons Field in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Mark Wright
 District No. 137

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. 1399, adopted April 1, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker