

House Resolution No. 2051

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those individuals who have developed close ties to the Show-Me State despite the obstacles imposed by geographic distance and the passage of considerable amounts of time; and

Whereas, James Jakob Schantz was the Head Forest Ranger of Fuerstenhagen in the German Federal State of Hessen when two of his sons, George and Karl Schantz, left behind their brother, Christian Schantz, in order to immigrate to Missouri in the year of 1846; and

Whereas, the fertile land along the Mississippi River near Chair-of-Rocks north of the city of Saint Louis proved to be beneficial for the homesteading endeavors of George and Karl Schantz whose subsequent descendants helped populate, build, and protect the new state of Missouri during the time of westward expansion of the United States; and

Whereas, Jason Schantz and his beloved wife, Rebecca, recently traced the history of the Schantz family during its time in Missouri, a genealogical search which ultimately brought them to the contemporary descendants of Christian Schantz, Helmut and Jutta Stange, who live in Hamburg, Germany; and

Whereas, Helmut and Jutta Stange were pleased at the prospect of reuniting the Schantz family of America with the Stange family of Germany and generously gave of their time, efforts, and resources to filling in the blanks in the family histories; and

Whereas, during the year 2004 the descendants of James Jakob Schantz will meet in Fuerstenhagen to renew their shared heritage and to participate in the Christian baptism of Helmut Johann Robert Schantz, son of Jason and Rebecca Schantz and grandson of Robert and Marleen Schantz:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the steadfast efforts of Helmut and his wife, Jutta Stange, on behalf of Jason and Rebecca Schantz, their distant relatives in Missouri, as the two branches of the family reunite in historic Fuerstenhagen for the baptism of Helmut Johann Robert Schantz; 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 presentation to Helmut and Jutta Stange of Hamburg, Germany.

Offered by _____
Representative Rod Jetton
Speaker Pro Tem
District No. 156

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. 2051, adopted April 22, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker