

House Resolution No. 2941

Whereas, in May 2004, the Cole County Fire Protection District will begin its Thirty-fifth Year of outstanding service to a community, of 220 square miles in three different counties, including Southern Cole, Northeastern Miller, and Southwestern Osage; and

Whereas, the Cole County Fire Protection District (formerly known as the Cole County Volunteer Fire Department) was established in May 1969 by a group of individuals who saw a need for fire protection south of the Capital City; and

Whereas, in the beginning, firefighters with the Cole County Fire Protection District took money out of their own pockets to fund the Department and the first three fire stations were built by the firefighters themselves; and

Whereas, the Cole County Volunteer Fire Department went to the voters within the Department's boundaries in 1993 and asked them to approve a tax-supported fire protection district, and by a two-to-one margin, the Cole County Fire Protection District was created; and

Whereas, today the Cole County Fire Protection District, in conjunction with other fire departments in the county, educate children using the Safe Kids Fire Safety House to enlighten kindergarten through third grade students on fire hazards in the home, conduct fire safety merit badge classes for Boy Scout Troops from an eight-county area, and hold classes for approximately 140 Cub Scouts and countless pre-school children; and

Whereas, the Cole County Fire Protection District recently introduced a military-style Honor Guard which has been well recognized by the community, serving at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast, Missouri State Senate Ceremony, September 11 activities, Missouri State Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City, parades, and agriculture shows; and

Whereas, members of the Cole County Fire Protection District and its Board of Directors have made a solid commitment to bring the highest quality of service to the community which they so proudly cover from eight strategically placed stations with more than seventy fire fighters who have a combined 966 years of service:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing our deep gratitude to the members of the Cole County Fire Protection District for the superb service they have rendered the citizens in and around Cole County for the past thirty-five years and in wishing them only the best in all future endeavors; 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 the members of the Cole County Fire Protection District.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

Representative Mark J. Brun
District No. 113

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. 2941, adopted May 11, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker