

## House Resolution No. 3019

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably devoted themselves to the rigorous demands associated with public safety careers; and

**Whereas**, Colonel Ronald A. Battelle is the first Chief of Police in the forty-nine year history of the Saint Louis County Police Department to have risen through the ranks to the position of ultimate responsibility; and

**Whereas**, a nearly forty-year veteran of the Saint Louis County Police Department, Colonel Battelle joined the Department as an officer on October 1, 1965, and will step down as Chief of Police on June 1, 2004; and

**Whereas**, since his appointment as Chief of Police in 1990, Colonel Battelle has instituted such new Neighborhood Policing programs as the Citizen Police Academy, Teen Police Academy, Community Service Committee, Operation SAFE, a new Anti-Gang Unit, DWI Enforcement Unit, Bicycle Patrol Unit, Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force, Precinct Neighborhood Police Stations, and School Resource Officers; developed informative brochures regarding Firearm Safety for Children, Parent's Guide to Preventing Child Abduction, Business Watch Program, County Watch Program, DARE Program, DANGER Program for Parents, Gun Buyback Program, Neighborhood Watch, SAFE Schools Hotline, and SAFE Schools Partnership; contracted with numerous municipalities for dispatching service through the new Communications Center; and led the department to International Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies; and

**Whereas**, Colonel Battelle prepared for his stellar leadership role in public safety by earning a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northeast Missouri State University; graduating from the FBI National Academy, FBI National Executive Institute, and the United States Secret Service Dignitary Protection Academy; and serving in the United States Air Force; and

**Whereas**, Colonel Battelle is the beloved husband of Pat and the loving father of two grown children, all of whom have been supportive of his participation and leadership in a number of professional 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 exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication evinced by Colonel Ronald Battelle during his long, productive law enforcement career and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon his June 1, 2004, retirement from the Department and our best wishes as he turns his time and energy to new duties as Executive Director of the Backstoppers Organization; 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 Colonel Ronald A. Battelle of the Saint Louis County Police Department.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway  
District No. 87

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. 3019, adopted May 12, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker