

House Resolution No. 3500

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen and veteran who is living the American dream; and

Whereas, Vine Edward first heard of America through Mormon missionaries who taught Polynesian islanders and at the age of seventeen he hopped aboard a ship called the Marine Phoenix, which had been anchored in a Samoan harbor and destined for the promised land; and

Whereas, once in America, Vine Edward joined the United States Army and played trumpet in the Army band, landing assignments in parades and as a military bugler; and

Whereas, Vine Edward dutifully served his country in the Korean War, during which time he was awarded the Silver Star for his bravery and heroism; and

Whereas, Vine Edward went on to serve as a missionary in Vietnam during the Vietnam War and worked transporting military prisoners at Leavenworth; and

Whereas, following his retirement from the military in 1969, Vine Edward settled in Independence, Missouri, where more than 500 Samoans make their homes; and

Whereas, Vine Edward has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of fifty-two years, Liva; and his six children and ten grandchildren:

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 Vine Edward for sharing his experiences during a special presentation held June 25, 2004, at the Mormon Visitors' Center in Independence; 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 Vine Edward, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

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. 3500, adopted June 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker