

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to acts of charity and selflessness that better the quality of life for many of the most needy in society; and

Whereas, Moose Lodge 1751 in Kirksville was chartered in August 1954 with one hundred fifty members, since which time it has proven itself to be an invaluable component of the local community and its environs; and

Whereas, the Loyal Order of Moose was established in 1888 by Dr. John Henry Wilson of Louisville, Kentucky, as a primarily social organization; and

Whereas, in 1906 James J. Davis of Elwood, Indiana, became the 247th member and began to transform the small fraternity into a dynamic social force which would boast 1,000 Moose homes and more than 500,000 members within seven years; and

Whereas, since shifting its focus to serving others, the Loyal Order of Moose has established the children's home and school known as Mooseheart; expanded its membership to include Women of the Moose; created a special Moose Legion, the Pilgrim Degree of Merit, and the Fellowship Degree of Honor to recognize exceptional members; and founded the Moosehaven retirement community in Florida; and

Whereas, the Loyal Order of Moose initiated a nationwide modernization in the late twentieth century when it consolidated the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, and Women of the Moose into one Order, Moose International; and

Whereas, modernization also included upgrading the Mooseheart campus and expanding its admission policy, changing some Moose Lodges to Moose Family Centers, and fund-raising to construct a state-of-the-art Life Care center at Moosehaven to address the need for assisted living and dementia care:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar, ongoing history of Moose Lodge 1751 and to convey to its members and leaders this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they observe the Golden Anniversary of their institution's establishment; 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 Moose Lodge 1751 in Kirksville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Robert J. Behnen
District No. 2

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. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker