

## House Resolution No. 4731

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have developed and maintained enviable reputations based on the excellence of their achievements and endeavors; and

**Whereas**, Harold and Florence Fleeman have attained considerable distinction as the owners and operators of Fleeman Farms in southeast Missouri; and

**Whereas**, on Thursday, November 20, 2003, the Fleeman family received honors and accolades at the thirty-three-year-old Farmer's Banquet which was held at the Raudmont Inn in Sikeston; and

**Whereas**, Harold and Florence Fleeman moved to Missouri from Manila, Arkansas, in 1955 after the purchase of the 1,200 acre Morton Capps farm which contained only fifteen acres cleared for row crops and a herd of one hundred Brahma cattle which proved to be difficult to keep within the confines of fences; and

**Whereas**, the Fleemans spent their first five years in a four-room bungalow without running water until Harold added a "lean to" on the back of the house and put in a bathroom; and

**Whereas**, a petition by the Fleemans to gravel their road eventually led to the institution of mail service, installation of a telephone line, the construction of a paved highway, and the building of their current house in 1964 from cyprus lumber cleared from the land; and

**Whereas**, Harold and Florence Fleeman today raise corn, soybeans, rice, and wheat on 2,562 acres with the help of their sons, Mark and Phillip, and three employees, Ronnie Vardel, Gabe Baney, and Rick Shaw; and

**Whereas**, Harold and Florence Fleeman also are the parents of Carolyn, Robin, and Kelly; the grandparents of ten wonderful children; and the great-grandparents of three more:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Freeman Farm for special recognition at the Farmer's Banquet which was held on November 20, 2003, and to convey to each of the Fleeman family members this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes at this momentous time in their lives; 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 Harold and Florence Fleeman of Stoddard County, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Rob Mayer  
 District No. 159

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4731, adopted November 24, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker