

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

**Whereas**, Jim Watkins, an esteemed resident of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has been chosen to receive the Award of Distinction, a most impressive accolade to be presented to him by the Cape Girardeau Vision 2020 Council on January 25, 2005, at Southeast Missouri Hospital; and

**Whereas**, the Awards of Distinction salute those organizations and individuals whose conscientious support of Vision 2020 and devoted service will be of long-lasting significance to the quality of life in Cape Girardeau; and

**Whereas**, a retired elementary school principal, Jim Watkins has enjoyed recognition by devoting volunteer time to the success of Cape Girardeau youth and emergency preparation; and

**Whereas**, Jim Watkins serves on seven different local and state committees that deal with children's issues and eight committees dealing with emergency preparedness; and

**Whereas**, Jim Watkins also works with the Cape Chamber Education Committee, the American Legion, and First Call for Help; and

**Whereas**, Jim Watkins has led the way to increase awareness and emergency blood supply for the American Red Cross by donating over twelve gallons of blood; and

**Whereas**, Jim Watkins strives to stay involved in education, from pre-schoolers to adults, and focuses on emergency preparedness and informing people of the importance and proper steps to take for being prepared for an emergency; and

**Whereas**, Jim Watkins is an uncommon leader who can be described by his peers as dedicated, devoted, hardworking, and visionary — traits which make true leaders:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Jim Watkins at this proud moment of well-deserved recognition, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his 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 Jim Watkins.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Nathan D. Cooper  
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker