House Resolution No. 202

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those individuals who maintain close ties with the Show-Me State and who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Brigadier General Byron S. Bagby has attained considerable distinction as a native of Callaway County who graduated from Fulton High School in 1974, Westminster College in 1978, and the University of North Carolina in 1987; and

Whereas, commissioned an Army Lieutenant through the ROTC program at Westminster, General Byron Bagby has devoted twenty-seven years of his life to the United States Army; and

Whereas, first stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, General Byron Bagby subsequently served in various command and staff positions, including as a tactical officer at the United States Military Academy; an Executive Assistant to the Commanding General of the United States Army, Pacific; the Chief, Middle East Division and the Assistant Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon; and an officer with the 10th Mountain Division, with which he was deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom in the position of Director of the Combined/Joint Staff for Combined Joint Task Force 180; and

Whereas, General Byron Bagby began his current assignment as Chief of the Office of Military Cooperation-Egypt in August 2004; and

Whereas, General Byron Bagby has earned many awards and decoration throughout his career, including two Defense Superior Service Medals, two Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star, and six Meritorious Service Medals; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Monique Hale Bagby, General Byron Bagby is the loving father of a son, Benjamin, who is in the Marine Corps, and a daughter, Jessica, who is thirteen years of age; and

Whereas, on January 25, 2005, General Byron Bagby will return to Callaway County as the guest of honor at the one hundredth Kingdom of Callaway Supper:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar, and ongoing career of General Byron Bagby and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt "welcome" back to his home state in order to attend the one hundredth Kingdom of Callaway Supper; 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 Brigadier General Byron S. Bagby of Callaway County, Missouri.

Offered by _______ Representative Danie Moore District No. 20

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. 202, adopted January 24, 2005.