

## House Resolution No. 247

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State family businesses which have proven down through the years to be integral components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Pickering Funeral Home of Mexico, Missouri, has been a family owned-and-operated business since its inception by Henry A. Precht in 1884 as Precht Funeral Home; and

**Whereas**, now owned by Connie, David, and Barbara Pickering, Pickering Funeral Home recently enhanced its already impressive reputation when it received the E. Warner Williams Business Service Award from the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce in light of its general excellence in business practices and exemplary merchandising, customer service, improvement of physical plant, and community service; and

**Whereas**, after Connie Pickering purchased the funeral home from the Precht family in 1967, Pickering Funeral Home remodeled and expanded its facility in 1995; and

**Whereas**, in 1984 David Pickering joined his father in the business and subsequently accepted the duties and responsibilities as President; and

**Whereas**, Pickering Funeral Home sponsors the Widowed Person Service of Mexico and a Memorial Bell Service each Christmas to remember those the community lost in the past year; and

**Whereas**, Connie, David, and Barbara Pickering have developed and maintained exceptional reputations for contributions to various fund-raising efforts in the community and for their membership and invaluable participation in churches and just about every club or organization in town; and

**Whereas**, Pickering Funeral Home was given the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce E. Warner Williams Business Service Award at the organization's 2004 Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation on January 22, 2005, in the Knights of Columbus Hall:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Pickering Funeral Home for an E. Warner Williams Business Service Award by the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce and to convey to its owners, Connie, David, and Barbara Pickering, this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; 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 the Pickering Funeral Home of Mexico, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Steve Hobbs  
District No. 21

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. 247, adopted January 26, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker