

House Resolution No. 355

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Norman B. Champ, Jr., on Thursday, January 27, 2005, at the age of seventy-six; and

Whereas, a resident of Ladue, Missouri, and Chappaquidick Island off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, Norman Champ was a noted patron of the arts who was born on a family farm at what is now the site of Lambert Field; and

Whereas, after establishing the depth and breadth of his education at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard Business School, Norman Champ served as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force; and

Whereas, Norman Champ's family business, Champ Spring Company, originally made buggy springs for horse-drawn wagons and now makes leaf springs for tractor trailers; and

Whereas, Norman Champ was recruited into active participation with the Democratic party through his fellow Country Day School classmate, Thomas F. Eagleton, and was an important early supporter of President Jimmy Carter, who appointed him to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House and the National Council of the Arts; and

Whereas, Norman Champ was an active member of the Saint Louis metropolitan community through his service as Democratic committeeman for Clayton Township, member of the Saint Louis County Board of Jail Visitors, member of the Missouri Arts Council, board member of Webster University, commissioner of the Saint Louis Art Museum, and founding director of Laumeier Sculpture Park; and

Whereas, the late Norman Champ is survived by his beloved wife, Judith Smith Champ; daughter, Dr. Deborah A. Champ of Fort Dodge, Iowa; son, Norman Champ, III, of New York, New York; stepdaughter, Julie Zander Zoller of Wilmette, Illinois; stepson, William Zander, III, of Seattle, Washington; and six grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Norman Champ and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable warmth and light in their daily 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 memory of Norman B. Champ, Jr., of Ladue, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Barbara Wall Fraser
District No. 83

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. 355, adopted February 3, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker