

House Resolution No. 562

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the remarkable accomplishments of the Honorable Donald L. Barnes, Presiding Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit in Sedalia, Missouri; and

Whereas, Judge Barnes has distinguished himself as an outstanding Missourian who will retire from the bench on February 23, 2005, following a more than twenty-eight-year pursuit of excellence; and

Whereas, Judge Barnes was in private practice in Sedalia prior to being appointed to the 18th Judicial Circuit on January 1, 1977, since which time he has served by special appointment on all three Missouri Courts of Appeal and the Missouri Supreme Court on three separate occasions; and

Whereas, the longest serving circuit judge in the state of Missouri, Judge Barnes has enjoyed recognition for the fair, responsible, and diplomatic manner in which he has administered his courtroom; and

Whereas, Judge Barnes is also to be commended for instructing business law classes at State Fair Community College and serving as legal counsel to Pettis County Court for six years; and

Whereas, Judge Barnes has provided leadership to various organizations, some of which include the Scott Joplin International Foundation Board of Directors, the Sedalia Human Relations Commission, the Sedalia School Board, and the Sedalia Rotary Club, of which he has been a valuable member for forty-three years; and

Whereas, Judge Barnes is also known, admired, and respected for serving his country as a member of the United States Army and Army Reserves; and

Whereas, a member of Community of Christ Church, Judge Donald Barnes looks forward to his retirement so that he can have more quality time to spend in the company of his wonderful family which includes his wife, Carol; and two sons, Donald Barnes of Lee's Summit and Mark Barnes of St. Louis:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing our most sincere appreciation to Judge Donald Barnes for his extraordinary service and in wishing him only the best in all 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 the Honorable Donald L. Barnes, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Todd Smith
District No. 118

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. 562, adopted February 16, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker