

## House Resolution No. 1180

**Whereas**, Hosea Bilyeu of Springfield has attained considerable distinction as the senior pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, a spiritual institution which he has led since 1984; and

**Whereas**, a strong desire to be a man of God in his heart, a good husband and father in his home, and a useful servant leader in his ministry led Hosea Bilyeu to look for ways to better serve the people within the Springfield community; and

**Whereas**, the result of the search for a way to be a good neighbor and to contribute to society as a whole is Hosea Bilyeu's involvement in a loose-knit organization entitled The Church Action Projects of Springfield which maintains an office at Second Baptist Church, but is made up of volunteers from Baptist, Methodist, Assembly of God, Catholic, and Presbyterian churches; and

**Whereas**, The Church Action Projects of Springfield participants believe that they should improve society through a combination of volunteerism and prayer; and

**Whereas**, The Church Action Projects of Springfield met with small groups of Springfield community, business, education, and governmental leaders to determine what concrete steps the organization could take to help; and

**Whereas**, understanding the primacy of children in society, The Church Action Projects of Springfield volunteers have instituted a kindergarten through third grade tutoring program that has been enthusiastically embraced by the Springfield School District, which developed standardized materials and training to ensure the highest level of effectiveness in bringing children up to their proper grade level of performance; and

**Whereas**, Hosea Bilyeu is a wonderful family man who is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved husband of Debbie and the loving father of Joy and Geoff Steele, Robin and Christopher Rees, Will and Kerri Bilyeu, and John Bilyeu:

**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 history of community involvement garnered by Hosea Bilyeu at Ridgecrest Baptist Church down through the years, to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his leadership contributions with Church Action Projects of Springfield, and to express our sincerest best wishes for continued community-oriented 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 for presentation to senior pastor Hosea Bilyeu of Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Charlie Denison  
District No. 135

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. 1180, adopted March 10, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker