

## House Resolution No. 1249

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend Arzie Ezell, a treasured resident of Piedmont, Missouri, will be honored as the Piedmont Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year during the organization's annual Membership Banquet to be held March 29, 2005, at Ralph's Bar-B-Q and Steak House; and

**Whereas**, Pastor Ezell came into this world in Desoto on March 7, 1919, and declared his love for the Lord at an early age when he joined Peach Tree General Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a deacon a few years later; and

**Whereas**, Pastor Ezell dutifully served his country in the United States Army during World War II, following which he returned to the Piedmont area where he worked at the sawmill he owned with his brother-in-law and made sorghum molasses for the citizenry of Wayne County; and

**Whereas**, a former Superintendent for Davidson, Scott, and Wilson Bridge Company, Pastor Ezell was ordained on September 18, 1955, and pastored at New Home Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff for a few years before returning to Peach Tree General Baptist Church where he served as pastor for more than thirty years, during which time he also served as moderator of the West Liberty Association; and

**Whereas**, a true servant of the Lord who also served the congregations of Mt. Pisgah General Baptist Church and New Hope General Baptist Church in Silva, Pastor Ezell has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of sixty-seven years, Perma; his daughter and son-in-law, Joann and Charles Montgomery; his two grandsons and their wives, Terry and Genice and Michael and Rebecca; and his five great-grandchildren, Sean, Shaylin, Adam, Abby, and Annie:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Pastor Ezell at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; 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 Citizen of the Year, the Reverend Arzie Ezell, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton  
District No. 156

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. 1249, adopted March 15, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker