

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize James Borthwick, who has distinguished himself as a 2005 Dean of the Trial Bar; and

Whereas, a 1964 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Law, James Borthwick is a partner of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin, LLP, who works primarily in Business & Commercial Litigation, Insurance Litigation, and Intellectual Property Litigation; and

Whereas, during his long and illustrious career as a successful attorney, James Borthwick was most proud to represent the Kansas City Missouri School District in its desegregation struggles in the 1970s and 1980s, which resulted in the judge denying the plaintiffs a metropolitan remedy and granting the District's cross-claim against the State of Missouri, serving hundreds of millions of dollars for the School District over the subsequent two decades; and

Whereas, James Borthwick is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the American Bar Association (Tort and Insurance Practice Section), KCMBA, Defense Research Institute, the Lawyers Association of Kansas City, the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, Friends of Art, Friends of the Zoo, United Community Services of Johnson County, Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas City Consensus, and the Kansas Democratic Party, just to name a few; and

Whereas, when he's not at the office, James Borthwick can be found enjoying his favorite hobbies which include traveling to new places, playing golf, reading about and participating in politics, and enjoying the good life with his beloved wife, family, and friends:

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 congratulations to James Borthwick 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 2005 Dean of the Trial Bar, James Borthwick.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

Representative Brian Yates
District No. 56

Representative Tim Flook
District No. 34

Representative John Burnett
District No. 40

Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

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. 2064, adopted April 12, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker