

House Resolution No. 2298

**Whereas**, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

**Whereas**, Franklin D. "Frank" Nickell of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a history professor at Southeast Missouri State University, where he has served as Director of the Center for Regional History since 1990; and

**Whereas**, on April 20, 2005, Frank Nickell will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

**Whereas**, Frank Nickell prepared for his lifelong endeavors by earning Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in Education degrees from Eastern Illinois University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of New Mexico; and

**Whereas**, a former elementary and secondary school teacher, Frank Nickell taught at Southeast Missouri State University beginning in 1969 and served as Bursar and Coordinator of Special Projects from 1973 to 1976 and as the Chairman of the Department of History from 1978 to 1983; and

**Whereas**, Frank Nickell has authored numerous professional articles, edited several books, cofounded and coedited the journal "Big Muddy: A Journal of the Mississippi River Valley", and written Cape Girardeau: An Illustrated History, Backwoods Jazz in the Twenties, and The House on Riddle Hill; and

**Whereas**, Frank Nickell also has demonstrated considerable skills in writing grants, developing historical projects and programs, public speaking, and providing leadership to diverse organizations; and

**Whereas**, Frank Nickell is the beloved husband of Gynel, who has encouraged and supported him in all of his endeavors, especially his part in the founding of the Humane Society of Southeast Missouri, his continued contact with former students as a mentor and resource, and his dedication to students that goes far beyond the normal duties of his professional work as a teacher:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Frank Nickell as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 20, 2005, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; 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 honor of "Outstanding Missourian" Frank Nickell of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Nathan D. Cooper  
District No. 158

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. 2298, adopted April 19, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker