

House Resolution No. 3416

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in elective office; and

Whereas, the Honorable Richard G. Byrd distinguished himself as a State Representative who served the people and institutions of the 94th District, which is composed of the part of Saint Louis County that includes Kirkwood, Oakland, and Des Peres; and

Whereas, elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2000, Representative Richard Byrd proved to be an invaluable resource for fellow legislators who were interested in drafting bills or amendments which dealt with such technical issues as telecommunications, utilities, or worker compensation; and

Whereas, Representative Richard Byrd was known for his attention to detail, grasp of the law, ability to notice problems with proposed legislation, and willingness to find solutions that were workable; and

Whereas, during the Ninety-third General Assembly, Representative Richard Byrd successfully gained enactment of legislation to restrict personal injury lawsuits, a category of legal address which he believed to be a source for increasing malpractice insurance premiums; and

Whereas, Representative Richard Byrd prepared for his professional endeavors by graduating from Decatur High School in Decatur, Alabama; Rhodes College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international trade in 1980; and Washington University, where he completed a Juris Doctorate in 1983; and

Whereas, when not actively engaged in his work at the state capitol, Representative Richard Byrd practiced his legal specialization of commercial litigation at Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus; and

Whereas, Representative Richard Byrd passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2005, at the age of forty-six:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the achievements garnered in life by the Honorable Richard Byrd, State Representative from District 94, and to express our deepest sympathy at his passing away after the close of the Ninety-third General Assembly; 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 memory of Richard G. Byrd of Kirkwood, Missouri.

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. 3416, adopted May 17, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker