

## House Resolution No. 3678

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have developed and maintained exceptional reputations for the excellence of their endeavors in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Melvin Darrell Rupart of Ashland has attained considerable distinction as the Police Chief of the Ashland Police Department, a position of tremendous leadership which he began in May 1985 and will bring to an honorable close on July 30, 2004, after a total of twenty-three years of service; and

**Whereas**, Police Chief Rupart joined the Ashland Police Department in August 1981 as an Officer and held the office of Assistant Police Chief from August 1982 to May 1985; and

**Whereas**, Melvin Rupart brought to his public safety labors a wealth of knowledge and experience which he had garnered from service in the United States Navy from December 1966 to 1970, additional active duty service in Desert Storm from December 1990 to August 1991, and activation for State of Emergency duty with the 3175th Military Police Company of the National Guard during July 1993; and

**Whereas**, Police Chief Rupart also deserves mention of his leadership activities with the boards of the Ashland Optimist Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Woodcrest Baptist Church, and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

**Whereas**, Melvin Rupart is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved husband of Nancy Hagans Baylous, whom he joyfully married on July 4, 1999; loving father of Lisa Day and Amy Puckett; devoted stepfather of Keith Baylous and Jessica Baylous; and wonderful grandfather of Tori Puckett and Kara Puckett; and

**Whereas**, retirement promises to bring with it increased opportunity for Melvin Rupart to pursue the distinct pleasures of fishing, woodworking, golfing, and hunting:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career achievements garnered down through the years by Melvin Rupart with the Ashland Police Department and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our sincerest best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 Melvin Darrell Rupart of Ashland, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Chuck Graham  
District No. 24

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3678, adopted July 20, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker