

House Resolution No. 3678

Whereas, Webster County was organized on March 3, 1855, on the highest extensive upland area of the Missouri Ozarks; and

Whereas, with a county seat established in Marshfield, Webster County was named by pioneer legislator John F. McMahan in honor of Daniel Webster and his Marshfield, Massachusetts, home; and

Whereas, Webster County straddles the divide between the Missouri and Arkansas river basins and is the source of the James, Niangua, Gasconade, and Pomme de Terre rivers; and

Whereas, a part of the 1808 Osage Indian land cession, Webster County was settled in the early 1830s by pioneers from Kentucky and Tennessee, was the site of armed conflict during the Civil War, and prospered during the postwar period as a dairy, poultry, and livestock producer thanks in large measure to the presence of the Atlantic & Pacific (Frisco) and the Kansas City, Springfield, and Memphis (Frisco) railroad routes; and

Whereas, education has always been valued in Webster County and its earliest schools included Marshfield Academy, chartered in 1860; Mount Dale Academy, opened in 1873; and Henderson Academy, chartered in 1879; and

Whereas, Webster County is the birthplace of astronomer Edwin P. Hubble and has a replica of the Hubble Telescope positioned in the courthouse yard and a portion of Interstate 44 named in his honor; and

Whereas, Webster County was the location of an April 18, 1880, tornado which killed sixty-five people and caused one million dollars in damage and which was commemorated by “Marshfield Cyclone”, a composition by African-American musician John W. “Blind” Boone; and

Whereas, Webster County also boasts the longest continuous county fair in the state of Missouri and its city of Marshfield holds claim to the oldest Independence Day parade west of the Mississippi River:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar history of Webster County and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes as they observe the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the establishment of their political subdivision; 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 the people and institutions of Webster County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

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. 3678, adopted June 8, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker