

House Resolution No. 3683

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities which have brought glory and honor to themselves and to this great state down through the years; and

Whereas, the town of Excelsior Springs was platted during the spring of 1880 after the discovery of the natural mineral spring “Siloam” as the first drinkable source of iron manganese in the United States; and

Whereas, eventually twenty separate mineral springs providing four distinct varieties of water were discovered to give Excelsior Springs the justifiable claim of having the world’s greatest group of mineral waters; and

Whereas, Excelsior Springs mineral waters earned such prestigious recognition as medals from the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893 and led the way for the development of the town as a national health resort; and

Whereas, famous landscape architect George Kessler designed the community’s resort, park system, golf course, and Siloam Spring Pavilion; the city’s hospital was opened in 1904, and there were fourteen hotels and two hundred boarding and rooming houses available for health seekers by 1909; and

Whereas, in 1933 a Public Works Administration grant was used to purchase the mineral water rights to ten of the springs and for the construction of the Hall of Waters National Register landmark; and

Whereas, Excelsior Springs received an honorable mention for community betterment in 1970 from the National Congress on Beautification in Washington, D.C.; was named as one of twelve All-American Cities in 1975; and added two Hall of Waters commercial districts to the National Register of Historic Places in 1999; and

Whereas, Excelsior Springs celebrates its motto, “In the waters of Excelsior Springs there is health” through such festivities as the annual Mineral Water Bowl college football game, Waterfest in the fall, and Excelsior Days in the spring:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of achievements and civic-minded events associated with the town of Excelsior Springs and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration on June 11, 2005; 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 Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Bob Nance
 District No. 36

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. 3683, adopted June 8, 2005.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker