

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with great appreciation and genuine respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the meritorious accomplishments of Margaret Ann “Maggie” Watts Herring; and

Whereas, Margaret Herring was the guest of honor at a special retirement party on August 24, 2004, and again at an open house on August 27, 2004, at The Elsberry Democrat office in Elsberry, Missouri; and

Whereas, Margaret Herring retired from her position as editor of The Elsberry Democrat following almost forty years of steadfast and admirable service; and

Whereas, when Margaret Herring commenced her career in journalism, John Manly was the editor and Sam Howard, the former editor, was working as a part-time retiree; and

Whereas, Margaret Herring witnessed The Elsberry Democrat change hands several times starting with the Gordon Crank heirs, then on to Jack Freeman, owner of the Bowling Green Times; Jim Gierke, owner of The Louisiana Press Journal and River Valley Publishing, PTS, Incorporated, an Alabama management company; and finally Lakeway Publishing; and

Whereas, also during her tenure, Margaret Herring kept The Elsberry Democrat recognizable as the traditional hometown newspaper Elsberrians so love; and

Whereas, prior to assuming her responsibilities at The Elsberry Democrat, Margaret Herring taught in a one-room country school and worked for the Gladney Form Motor Company and Forrest Keeling Nursery; and

Whereas, a contributing member of her community, local, and beyond, Margaret Herring has enjoyed recognition by serving as a Sunday school teacher, chairing local festivals and various other events, presiding over the Missouri Press Association, taking on the duties of a surrogate grandmother, steering philanthropic projects, walking in a marathon, and participating in almost every other altruistic exercise you can imagine:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to express our deepest gratitude for the unparalleled service that Margaret Herring has rendered to The Elsberry Democrat and to wish her the long, enjoyable, and rewarding retirement she so richly deserves with ample opportunity to enjoy the better things that life has to offer; 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 Margaret Ann Watts Herring.

Offered by _____

Representative Terry L. Witte

District No. 10

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. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker