

House Resolution No. 4094

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

Whereas, Bob Williams of Oregon, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the president of Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, a business which was organized in 1903 and incorporated in 1910; and

Whereas, in January 2005, Bob Williams will be elected as chairman of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO) at its 42nd Annual Winter Convention in La Quinta, California; and

Whereas, the third generation of the Williams family to be associated with Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Bob Williams is the grandson of first general manager Claude Williams and first switchboard operator Ida Lenz Williams; and

Whereas, Bob Williams' father, Zeke, purchased ownership of Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company in 1945 and became president and general manager of the business in addition to serving as chairman of the Missouri Telephone Association from 1974 to 1976; and

Whereas, Bob Williams' son, Randy, is the fourth generation of the Williams family to be involved with Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company; and

Whereas, in addition to his invaluable work with OPASTCO, Bob Williams has proven to be instrumental in the leadership of the Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association and United States Telecom Association; and

Whereas, Bob Williams has enjoyed tremendous support and encouragement from his entire family whose additional members include his wife, Aletha; daughter, Katherine; and stepchildren, Carri, Zach, and Myranda:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved election of Bob Williams as chairman of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies and to convey to him this legislative body's sincerest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; 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 Bob Williams of Oregon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

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. 4094, adopted
September 16, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker