

## House Resolution No. 4185

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Dr. David B. Henson, an esteemed resident of Jefferson City, Missouri, who is stepping down as President of Lincoln University after seven years of exceptional service and dedication; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Henson became the seventeenth president of Lincoln University on July 2, 1997, prior to which time he served as president and professor of chemistry at Alabama A&M University, and as vice president of Student Services at Purdue University; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Henson's faculty and leadership positions during his twenty-five years in higher education include acting chairperson, Department of Biochemistry, assistant dean of student affairs, and associate professor of biochemistry at Howard University College of Medicine; dean of student affairs, associate dean of Yale College, lecturer in molecular biophysics and biochemistry, and fellow in Timothy Dwight College at Yale University; and associate vice chancellor for Academic Services/Student Support Services at the University of Colorado at Boulder; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Henson boasts an outstanding record of involvement in university, state, and community activities and is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as Sigma Xi, Beta Kappa Chi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Mu Alpha, Kappa Kappa Psi, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, Council on Public Higher Education, the Jefferson City Rotary Club, Jefferson City Leadership Forum, and the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce; and

**Whereas**, a renowned author who has published extensively, Dr. Henson graduated from Florida A&M University in 1961 and went on to earn advanced degrees from Tuskegee University and the University of Iowa, and a Diabetes Research Fellowship from the University of Texas Medical School; and

**Whereas**, the son of Deacon Benjamin B. Henson and the late Mary Nixon Henson, Dr. Henson has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Earlene; his two children, Mary and Charles; and his two granddaughters, Samantha and Paris Olivia:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Dr. Henson for his seven years of unparalleled service to Lincoln University, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; 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 Dr. David B. Henson.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mark J. Bruns  
District No. 113

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. 4185, adopted September 28, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker