

House Resolution No. 4075

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through many years of excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas, William Joe "Bill" Hicks, an esteemed resident of Vandalia, Missouri, will officially retire as Chief of the Vandalia Fire Department on August 1, 2005, after five years of unparalleled service and dedication; and

Whereas, Bill Hicks has successfully completed the many duties and tasks placed before him throughout the important role he has played as Chief of the Vandalia Fire Department for the past five years, prior to which time he served the Department as a firefighter; and

Whereas, a thirty-year veteran of the Vandalia Fire Department, Bill Hicks is actually the Chief of both the Vandalia city and rural fire departments, which share equipment and personnel; and

Whereas, a self-employed electrician, Bill Hicks will continue to serve as a firefighter following his retirement as Chief; and

Whereas, Bill Hicks has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Linda; his two children and their spouses, Mark and Jill Hicks and Melissa and Tom Culwell; and his two grandchildren, Riley and Kaylen:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Bill Hicks for his thirty years of unparalleled service as a member of the Vandalia Fire Department, including the past five years that he served as Chief, 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 William Joe "Bill" Hicks.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

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. 4075, adopted July 21, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker