

House Resolution No. 4646

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have admirably helped state government provide its much-needed services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

Whereas, Kenneth Richards of Neosho has attained considerable distinction as a Workforce Development Specialist I with the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Workforce Development, a vocational endeavor which he will bring to a close on December 31, 2004, in retirement after more than thirty-one years of service; and

Whereas, nominated as Employee of the Month in May 1997, Ken Richards has brought to his work as a Workforce Development Specialist I a wealth of knowledge and experience which he garnered from earlier work as a Division of Employment Security Claims Technician who spent most of his career working in the Unemployment Claims Section where he filed claims, took statements from claimant and employer, made determinations, and filed appeals and commission reviews; and

Whereas, Ken Richards has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for his easy-going manner and sense of humor which have given him the ability to deal with difficult situations and help calm agitated persons even when information to be conveyed to them was negative; and

Whereas, an invaluable component of the Joplin Workforce Development office who will be sorely missed after retirement, Ken Richards also is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved son of Melvin and Mae Richards; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding citizens as Ken Richards of Neosho at momentous times in life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive career of Ken Richards as a state employee and to convey to him this legislative body's sincerest best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 Kenneth Richards of Neosho, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hunter
District No. 127

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. 4646, adopted December 13, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker