

House Resolution No. 4753

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

Whereas, Bob Reeder has attained considerable distinction as a Kansas City-based Irish-American musician, performer, entertainer, singer, and songwriter who has performed throughout the United States; and

Whereas, Bob Reeder enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishment when he became the focus of the Harp and Shamrock Bob Reeder Fan Club, a not-for-profit organization which is not only devoted to the life and work of its namesake, but also to raising funds to procure hearing aids for deaf and hard-of-hearing children; and

Whereas, Bob Reeder performs locally at O'Malley's Pub in Weston, Missouri; W.J. McBride's Irish Pub in Overland Park, Kansas, and W.J. McBride's in the Village West; and Kyle's Tap Room in Gladstone, Missouri; and

Whereas, a skilled player of six- and twelve-stringed acoustic guitars, the banjo, the cittern, and the bagpipe, Bob Reeder was born in Independence on February 15, 1949, as the great-nephew of Andrew Horatio Reeder, first territorial Governor of Kansas; grandson of Eugene C. and Nettie Cannon Kane; and son of Eugene and Orpha Reeder whose other children include Mark, Sally, and Kathy; and

Whereas, Bob Reeder attended VanHorn High School and Northwest Missouri State University, and served as a Photo Intelligence Officer in Vietnam during a stint in the United States Army which lasted from 1968 to 1972; and

Whereas, in addition to hosting his own Public Radio show, Bob Reeder has opened for twenty-six different major acts, produced fourteen albums for nine artists at Blackthorn Records, recorded nine albums, performed live on CNBC on Saint Patrick's Day in 1995 before eight million viewers, and made his living as a musician for twenty-eight years; and

Whereas, Bob Reeder also deserves mention of his wonderful daughter, Karrie Andes, and grandsons, Jacob and Kyle:

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, and ongoing musical career of Bob Reeder and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for many more years of continued success; 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 Bob Reeder.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Sager
District No. 48

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. 4753, adopted January 4, 2005.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker