

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Dr. Earl Wood and his wife, Ruth, moved to Louisiana, Missouri, in 1980 to accept pastoral duties at First Baptist Church, since which time there have been approximately 450 baptisms performed; 200 weddings; 400 funerals; 2,500 sermons; and 6,000 visits to hospitals in Louisiana, Quincy, Pittsfield, Hannibal, Mexico, Springfield, Illinois, Blue Springs, and the area from Wentzville to Saint Louis; and

Whereas, the grandson of preachers from both the maternal and paternal sides of his family tree, Dr. Earl Wood gave his life to the Lord as a twelve-year-old youth at a revival service led by his father's father; and

Whereas, Dr. Earl Wood served in the military, went to college, and worked for the highway department, the refractory plant in Mexico, and a trucking firm in Kansas City, Kansas, before entering seminary to prepare for the ministry; and

Whereas, in 1963 Dr. Earl Wood married Ruth who has given him unparalleled love, affection, support, and encouragement throughout his pastoral work and has taken her rightful place in music ministry as a skilled pianist and director of choirs; and

Whereas, the marital union of Dr. Earl and Ruth Wood has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Suzanne Wood and Rebecca and David Henderson, and their two grandchildren, Holly Henderson and Gabe Henderson; and

Whereas, Dr. Earl Wood has tenderly led First Baptist Church in Louisiana for twenty-five years, prior to which time he served in Kansas City, Kansas; Thompsonville, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; and Holland, Michigan, where he started a new church; and

Whereas, on August 31, 2005, Dr. Earl Wood officially retired from his pastoral office at First Baptist Church, but his last sermon there was delivered September 4, 2005:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive leadership of Dr. Earl Wood as pastor of First Baptist Church in Louisiana and to convey to him and his beloved wife this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they partake 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 for presentation to Dr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Louisiana, Missouri.

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. ____, adopted _____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker

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