

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, Tom Blevins, of Auxvasse, Missouri, will retire from his position as General Manager with Kingdom Telephone Company on March 31, 2007, after twenty-four years of service; and

Whereas, born into the telecommunications industry, Tom Blevins' father, Edgar Blevins, worked for Brown Telephone Company in St. Louis prior to moving to Curryville, where he began operating Curryville Telephone Company, which eventually became a part of Bell Telephone Company; and

Whereas, Tom Blevins took on many responsibilities with various telephone companies in Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas before joining Kingdom Telephone Company as a Facilities Manager in 1983 and being promoted to General Manager in 1985; and

Whereas, Tom Blevins has been active in legislative and regulatory issues on both the state and national levels, as he has served on such committees as the National Telephone Cooperative Association, the Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association, and the Missouri Network Alliance; and

Whereas, Tom Blevins is the beloved husband of Kathy, and they are the proud parents of Mike Blevins and his wife, Cara; Tim Blevins; Mark Blevins and his wife, Michelle; Travis Blevins and his wife, Nicky; and Gail Blevins Danison and her husband, Rob Danison; and the loving grandparents of Aaron Danison, Coy Danison, Mariah Danison, Shelton Blevins, Schuyler Blevins, Logan Blevins, Drew Blevins, and Riley Blevins:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to Tom Blevins on the occasion of his retirement and on his stellar reputation as an outstanding individual who has faithfully performed his important duties and responsibilities with the utmost professionalism, conscientiousness, and fairness; 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 Tom Blevins.

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

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker