

## House Resolution No. 1964

**Whereas**, Missouri native C. Earl Coleman will celebrate his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 4, 2007, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Earl Coleman was born in Springfield, Missouri, on April 10, 1947; and

**Whereas**, Earl Coleman is a Columbus State University Professor and Dean of the Schob School of Music, where he also holds William and Isabelle Curry Distinguished Faculty Chair in Voice; and

**Whereas**, Professor Coleman has substantial experience as a singer, violinist, chamber musician and conductor, and he holds both bachelors and master's degrees in voice and violin with further studies at the Julliard School, Aspen Music Festival and the Chautauqua Institute; and

**Whereas**, while performing now mainly as a singer, Professor Coleman has served as first violinist with the Rollins String Quartet and as Principal Second Violin with the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra, and as a singer, he has appeared as soloist with over fifty orchestras including those of Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Kansas City, Chattanooga, Chautauqua and the Colorado Philharmonic; and

**Whereas**, Professor Coleman is an active performer in opera, oratorio, and musical theater both in the United States and Europe, and a winner of the St. Louis Symphony's Young Artist Competition, he has been a regional and district finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions, a national finalist in the WGN-Chicago Lyric Opera Auditions and a regional finalist in the singing competitions of the Music Teachers National Association and the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS); and

**Whereas**, Professor Coleman has served as a National Board Member for NATS and as Regional Governor for the Great Lakes Region of NATS, and as a judge for the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, he is also in demand nationally and internationally for voice master classes and workshops; and

**Whereas**, in February 2004 Professor Coleman was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Arts and Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and in August 2004 he was honored to teach at the prestigious Santa Fe Opera; and

**Whereas**, Professor Coleman has taught at Stephens College, Columbia College (Missouri), the University of Missouri-Columbia, Bemidji State University, The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, The University of Memphis and The University of Michigan, where he also served as a Dean in the School of Music:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extent our sincerest happy birthday wishes to the illustrious Professor C. Earl Coleman; 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 Professor C. Earl Coleman.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jeff Harris  
District No. 23

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. 1964, adopted April 16, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker