

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those natives of the Show-Me State who have brought glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their creative activities in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Joe Torry has attained considerable distinction as a television, radio, and print communications/journalism graduate of Lincoln University who moved to Los Angeles, California, with his wife, Chrystal, and their sons, Kameron and Joseph, II; and

Whereas, on April 12, 2007, Joe Torry will participate in the Missouri Film Commission's second Missouri Meet Up event, which will be held at the Yamashiro restaurant in Hollywood; and

Whereas, a professional actor and comedian with a strong Missouri connection, Joe Torry founded MO Films in 2003 to produce screenplays in the midwest from its headquarters in Saint Louis; and

Whereas, Joe Torry has utilized his acting skills in such productions as "Motives II", "Red Rum", "Caught On Tape", "Mansfield 12", "Hood Hostages", "A Good Man Is Hard To Find", "Night Tales", "Beauty Shop", "The Great Commission", "Motives", "Family Business", "Lock Down", "Commitments", "Flamingo Rising", "Poetic Justice", "Sprung", "Tales From The Hood", "Fled", "Back in Business", "Strictly Business", "Talking Dirty", "House Party 3", and others; and

Whereas, Joe Torry has written his own features films, including "Back at Home", "2 Chefs, a Stripper and a Preacher", and "The P.I. Brothers"; and

Whereas, Joe Torry grew up in west Saint Louis near Wellston and graduated from Southwest High School; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Joe Torry has been inducted into the Comedy Hall of Fame, the Lincoln University Alumni Hall of Fame, and the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered down through the years by Joe Torry and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he attends the second Missouri Meet Up event sponsored by the Missouri Film Commission on April 12, 2007; 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 Joe Torry of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Robin Wright Jones
District No. 63

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