

House Resolution No. 2493

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State businesses that admirably broaden and deepen the economic foundations of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, A.B. Chance Company of Centralia, Missouri, was founded by Albert Bishop Chance in April 1907; and

Whereas, now a part of Hubbell Power Systems, A.B. Chance Company will celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of its establishment through appropriate events that will take place during the town of Centralia's Anchor Fest between June 1 and June 3, 2007; and

Whereas, A.B. Chance is the largest employer in Centralia with approximately 1,200 workers who manufacture and sell electric utility transmission and distribution products and items for the telecommunication, construction, pipeline, and consumer markets; and

Whereas, the town of Centralia was founded in 1857 as a station on a new railroad from Saint Louis, Missouri, to Ottumwa, Iowa; and

Whereas, Centralia is replete with historical significance, including being the site of a major Civil War battle in 1864 in which a guerilla band ambushed a train carrying Union soldiers and more than 100 battle deaths occurred; and

Whereas, today's Centralia is known for such positive characteristics as having four recreational parks, annual events like the Anchor Fest, schools accredited with distinction in performance, and a very civic-minded populace; and

Whereas, in addition to its commercial products and stellar role in the Centralia business community, A.B. Chance Company is famous for its beautiful Chance Gardens:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with A.B. Chance Company and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Centennial Anniversary celebration; 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 A.B. Chance Company of Centralia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul Quinn
District No. 9

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. 2493, adopted April 23, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker