

House Resolution No.

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle retired from his position as Mayor of the City of Clayton, Missouri, on April 24, 2007, and a reception honoring Benjamin Uchitelle and his service to Clayton is planned for Friday, April 27, 2007; and

Whereas, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Harvard School of Law, Benjamin Uchitelle's first forays into public service came early in career, as he founded Freedom of Residence in 1961, an organization whose aim was to improve equality in local housing markets; and

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle was key in the establishment of the New City School, a premier pre-collegiate school, with graduates attending institutions of higher learning like Harvard, Stanford, Washington University, and Wellesley College; and

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle was a partner at Husch & Eppenberger, one of the oldest and most respected law firms in St. Louis, where he specialized in business, corporate and maritime law; and

Whereas, after leaving Husch & Eppenberger, Benjamin Uchitelle joined the ownership of Consolidated Grain and Barge and served as general counsel and executive vice president; and

Whereas, in the mid-1980s, Benjamin Uchitelle was elected Alderman for the City of Clayton, and after serving for six years in that capacity, he was elected Mayor; and

Whereas, the former chairman of the MetroLink Commission, Benjamin Uchitelle is well known for his dedication to his community and to its progress, to education and the arts, and he is the recipient of many prestigious awards and recognitions, including the President's Award from Citizens for Modern Transit; and

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle is a former member of the Clayton Architectural Review Board, a founding member of Forest Park Forever, a founding board member of the Spirit of St. Louis Marathon, a director on the board of the Museum of Transportation, a member and founder of the Central Reform Congregation, past president of Jewish Family and Children's Services, and the current co-chairman of the Loop Trolley Company, which seeks the reintroduction of historic trolley services within the Delmar Loop area; and

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle is the beloved husband of Susan Uchitelle, who is accomplished in her own right, as she was appointed by the United States District Court to direct the St. Louis Metropolitan Inter-District Transfer program between 1981 and 1999; and Benjamin Uchitelle's daughter Becky founded the Toledo area Parent News, a newspaper for parents that has a wide circulation; daughter Elizabeth practices medicine in New York; and Benjamin Uchitelle's son, Elliot, started an international marble and granite business, Global Granite and Marble:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to congratulate Benjamin Uchitelle on the occasion of his retirement from the post of Mayor of the City of Clayton, to extend our gratitude for his faithful service, and to wish him every success in all his future endeavors; 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 Benjamin Uchitelle, retiring Mayor of the City of Clayton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Margaret Donnelly
 District No. 73

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