

House Resolution No. 3111

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably have answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment in the various branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, Michael A. Gavura of O'Fallon, Missouri, has more than twenty-nine years of active duty and reserve service with the United States Navy, a vocational endeavor that he is drawing to a close in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, Michael Gavura began his long, productive association with the Navy in January 1967 when he arrived at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center for boot camp, since which time he has served in Vietnam, aboard ships, and at shore installations; and

Whereas, the active duty service of Michael Gavura ended in December 1970, and he enlisted in the reserves component of the Navy in May 1984; and

Whereas, during his time as a Reservist, Michael Gavura was assigned duties with the Seabees construction branch of the Navy; and

Whereas, Michael Gavura rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 1990, Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1996, Chief Warrant Officer 2 in 1999, Chief Warrant Officer 3 in 2002, and Chief Warrant Officer 4 in 2004; and

Whereas, a Regional Coordinator for the Missouri Division of Workforce Development in civilian life, Michael Gavura is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Kerry A. Gavura, loving father of Megan and Tim Vasher and of Peggy Gavura, grandfather of Grace Vasher, son of Bessie Gavura, and sibling of Nick and Jan Gavura and of Connie Wiengartner:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Chief Warrant Officer Michael Gavura and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he brings his nearly three decades of military service to a close in well-deserved retirement; 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 Michael A. Gavura of O'Fallon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Gina Walsh
District No. 69

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. 3111, adopted May 3, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker