

House Resolution No. 3249

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably have helped ensure that state government provides its much-needed services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

Whereas, Mark R. Reading of Jefferson City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Executive Deputy Secretary of State, a leadership position that he will draw to a close in well-deserved retirement on May 31, 2007, after two years in the Secretary of State's office; and

Whereas, a state employee for thirty-one years, Mark Reading previously served the Missouri Department of Corrections; the Missouri Department of Social Services; the Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning, as Assistant Director of Budget; and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services as Director of Administration; and

Whereas, during his long, illustrious career in state government, Mark Reading developed twenty-three budgets for twelve General Assemblies and six Governors; and

Whereas, a passionate and early proponent of the MoreNet internet service to rural Missouri, Mark Reading also developed and maintained an excellent reputation for balancing several statewide budgets during periods of limited general revenues; and

Whereas, Mark Reading is a member of Lions Clubs International and a volunteer with United Way of Central Missouri, for which he served in the capacity of member and chair of the fund allocation panel and in the capacity of vice chair of the entire fund allocation process; and

Whereas, Mark Reading is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Barbara Reading and loving father of Susan Reading and Stephen Reading:

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 Mark Reading as a state employee and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of 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 Mark R. Reading of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

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. 3249, adopted May 8, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker