

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize David L. Smith, who is retiring from his post as Agriculture Market New Reporter for the Missouri Department of Agriculture effective July 1, 2007, after thirty-three years of dedicated service; and

Whereas, in 1974 the Missouri Department of Agriculture established its federal-state feeder-pig-grading program to help maintain top-quality pigs and Missouri's number-one national ranking in feeder-pig sales; and

Whereas, David Smith, of West Plains, was hired as Missouri's first Feeder Pig Grader, and he graded pigs at Show-Me Feeder Pigs in Ava and Thayer, and West Plains was hailed as the "Feeder Pig Capital of the World" and hosted the annual National Feeder Pig Show, which David Smith was instrumental in planning and organizing; and

Whereas, in 1977, David Smith was promoted to Agriculture Market New Reporter, and during the last thirty years, he has reported on cattle, swine, and goat markets from Ava, Thayer, Alton, West Plains, Mountain Grove, and Gainesville, Missouri; and

Whereas, David Smith has given exemplary service to the State of Missouri and is highly respected among his peers and throughout the agriculture industries; and

Whereas, the National Livestock Grading & Marketing Association honored David Smith in June 1982, recognizing him as "Livestock Grader of the Year"; and

Whereas, David Smith enjoys the love and support of a devoted family, which includes his son, Jeff Smith, Jeff's wife, Melissa, and their children Shelby, Carson, and Sawyer:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our sincere congratulations and humblest gratitude to David Smith for the service he has given to his state and its citizens so diligently and so well; 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 David L. Smith.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ward Franz
 District No. 151

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