## House Resolution No. 4133

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 Stephen Bradford Ijames, who retired from his position as Police Major with the Springfield, Missouri, Police Department on June 10, 2007, after twenty-nine years of loyal and dedicated service; and

Whereas, a resident of Springfield, Stephen Ijames served the Springfield Police Department as a Police Captain, Police Lieutenant, Police Sergeant, Police Corporal, and Police Officer prior to assuming the responsibilities of a Police Major; and

Whereas, during his tenure on the Springfield Police Department, Stephen Ijames earned international recognition as an expert in 'less lethal' weapons and law-enforcement tactics, which he taught in thirty-three different countries; and

**Whereas**, also during his tenure, Stephen Ijames commanded the Uniformed Operations Division and later the Investigations Division for the Department; and

Whereas, prior to working for the Springfield Police Department, Stephen Ijames served as a Police Officer and a Police Detective on the Poplar Bluff Police Department; and

Whereas, known and respected for his service to the community, Stephen Ijames is the beloved husband of Becky Ijames, and together they are the loving parents of one daughter, Melissa Ijames, and one son, Chris Ijames:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to Police Major Stephen Ijames on the illustrious occasion of his retirement from the Springfield Police Department; 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 Stephen Bradford Ijames.

Offered by \_\_\_\_

Representative Bob Dixon District No. 140

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. 4133, adopted June 27, 2007.