

## House Resolution No. 4389

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities that have proven down through the years to be exemplary places in which to work, play, and raise families; and

**Whereas**, Shelbina, Missouri, will celebrate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of its founding through a series of events that will take place between August 5 and August 11, 2007; and

**Whereas**, the town of Shelbina owes its existence to the Hannibal and Saint Joseph Railroad, which was organized in 1851 and laid track in Shelby County in August 1857 by contractors and laborers who lived in tents alongside the railway; and

**Whereas**, a Baptist preacher, Henson J. Thomas, was the first permanent resident of Shelbina, and it would be a decade before the town set in place a Board of Trustees and even longer before J. William Towson was elected as the first Mayor; and

**Whereas**, now home to nearly 2,000 persons, Shelbina has enjoyed the addition of businesses, churches, and schools to meet the needs and expectations of the community throughout its development; and

**Whereas**, although Shelbina environs are rural with small family farms converting to larger operations in more recent years, the local economy also has embraced such businesses as Cerro Copper, which produces precision, thin-walled cooper tubing and which has grown to become Cerro Flow Products, Incorporated; and

**Whereas**, the town of Shelbina also is home to a 40,000-volume Carnegie Library, a new City Hall, and the Hawkins Theater where the Shelbina Arts Council offers a state-of-the-art surround-sound system to accompany first-run movies and where the Clowns and Criers Community Players present theatrical and musical performances; and

**Whereas**, the completion of the Highway 36 four-lane expansion project will allow visitors easier access to the beautiful Lakeside Golf Course with its nine holes for tournament and individual play, camping sites for overnight stays, and W.P.A.-produced Shelbina Lake located north of the city limits:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, people, and institutions of Shelbina and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful celebration of the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of their community; 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 in honor of the town of Shelbina, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Tom Shively

District No. 8

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. 4389, adopted August 6, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker