

House Resolution No. 80

**Whereas**, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

**Whereas**, Harry Besleme of Columbia, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Special Olympian who recently earned two gold medals in the sport of bocce at the Special Olympics World Games that were held in Shanghai, China; and

**Whereas**, on January 23, 2008, Harry Besleme will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

**Whereas**, Harry Besleme is the thirty-one-year-old son of James H. Besleme and the late Rita Besleme and is the brother of Kate Besleme and Irene Lobstein; and

**Whereas**, holder of numerous awards and medals from Special Olympics competitions in Missouri and a gold medal in bowling from the Missouri State Games in 2004, Harry Besleme has participated in Special Olympics for seven years in the sports of bowling, track and field, volleyball, and bocce; and

**Whereas**, Harry Besleme was coached by Jan Stephens and Frank La Mantia, both of Columbia, prior to the trip to the Special Olympics World Games, and while there he was assisted by his unified partner, Bob Stephens; and

**Whereas**, when not preparing for Special Olympics competitions through many long hours of practice, Harry Besleme works in the field of food service at Brady Commons at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative activities in order to recognize persons such as Harry Besleme at momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Harry Besleme as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on January 23, 2008, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; 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 Outstanding Missourian Harry Besleme of Columbia, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jeff Harris  
District No. 23

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 80, adopted January 14, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker