

## House Resolution No. 511

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their endeavors on behalf of others; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thomas of Willard, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as a nurse at Cox Medical Center, from where she is now retired; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thomas recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was presented with the Meredith Bass Volunteer of the Year Award by the Southwest Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thomas earned the Meredith Bass Volunteer of the Year Award in light of her establishment of the Willard First Baptist Church Support Group in February 2005 for which the church provides meals for participating families and takes care of the individuals with Alzheimer's while their loved ones meet for education and encouragement; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thomas also has volunteered for three years with Safe Return enrollment, has participated in Memory Day at Jefferson City, has assisted at a variety of health fairs, and has volunteered to help at the Alzheimer's Association booth at the county fair; and

**Whereas**, the grandmother of three children and the mother of a son and a daughter, Betty Thomas travels with her husband, Gene, on mission trips abroad, is the medical team leader at children's camp, teaches fifth- and sixth-grade Sunday School, and is a member of the Greene County Baptist Association board; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Betty Thomas 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 Betty Thomas for the Meredith Bass Volunteer of the Year Award by the Southwest Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success in life for many more years to come; 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 Betty Thomas of Willard, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Shane Schoeller  
District No. 139

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. 511, adopted February 12, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker