

House Resolution No. 280

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State businesses that admirably broaden and deepen the economic foundations of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Ozark Electric Cooperative of Mount Vernon, Missouri, is a rural electric cooperative that was formed in 1937 and now serves electricity to more than 30,600 meters in a nine-county service area; and

Whereas, Ozark Electric Cooperative recently enhanced its already impressive record of achievement when it was selected to receive a Golden Apple Award from the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Ozark Electric Cooperative is being recognized by the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce in light of its restoration efforts during the devastating ice storms of January 2007 when the company lost approximately 2,500 poles; and

Whereas, more than 20,000 electric customers were without service due to storm damage, and in order to restore power as quickly as possible, Ozark Electric Cooperative brought in additional line crews from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, Kansas, and Arkansas to help local crews; and

Whereas, Ozark Electric Cooperative is led by President Jimmie Crouch, Vice President David Trogdon, Secretary/Treasurer O.D. Cope, General Manager Pat Prewitt, Division Manager of Engineering Ken Raming, Division Manager of Operations Earl Wilson, Division Manager of Human Resources DeLana Stokes, Consumer Services Division Manager Denny Baker, Chief Financial Officer Tony Forquer, and Directors Dwain Hughes, Gary Duvall, Ron Crighton, James Stine, Earl Carpenter, and Steve Stone:

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, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Ozark Electric Cooperative and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon their company receiving a Golden Apple Award from the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce; 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 Ozark Electric Cooperative of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

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. 280, adopted January 29, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker