

House Resolution No. 391

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to improving the future by preserving the past; and

Whereas, the William W. McAfee, Sr., Family Society was founded by Jerry A. "Jay" McAfee of Hannibal, Missouri, in order to investigate, record, and archive the details of the McAfee family since its arrival in the United States; and

Whereas, on June 7, 2008, the William W. McAfee, Sr., Family Society will celebrate the One Hundred Seventieth Anniversary of the arrival of William W. McAfee in New York City aboard the Saint Andrew ship from Liverpool, England; and

Whereas, a Scotsman born about 1777 in the area of Islay or Jura in County Argyll, William W. McAfee married Margaret "Martha" Taggart in 1802 in County Antrim in Northern Ireland where he was proudly known as a Presbyterian farmer; and

Whereas, upon arriving in the United States of America, William W. McAfee and his family immediately moved to East Union Township in Wayne County, Ohio, after which time his descendants developed and maintained excellent reputations as soldiers, politicians, administrators, authors, architects, lawyers, businessmen, and other professionals; and

Whereas, a descendant in the William W. McAfee family, Brigadier General John Rea McQuigg, married the daughter of August Imgard, who is credited to be the first in America to decorate the traditional Christmas tree with candy canes; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri organizations as the William W. McAfee, Sr., Family Society at momentous times in their histories:

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 William W. McAfee, Sr., Family Society and to convey to all of those involved 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 in honor of the William W. McAfee, Sr., Family Society of Hannibal, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

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. 391, adopted February 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker