

House Resolution No. 351

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, James A. Rust of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the owner/operator of RM COCO, a textile and hardware company that does business in all fifty states and in several foreign countries; and

Whereas, on February 1, 2008, James Rust will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he receives the Rush H. Limbaugh Award from the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce in light of his record as an area businessperson who has expended exceptional effort on behalf of the community for a sustained period of time; and

Whereas, a native of Cape Girardeau, James Rust graduated from Cape Central High School in 1963, where he was universally praised as a letterman in football, track, and baseball; was voted Most Valuable Lineman in the conference; and earned the prestigious Lou Muegge Award; and

Whereas, James Rust continued his education at Washington University in Saint Louis and at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, from where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration; and

Whereas, in addition to his success in a variety of businesses, James Rust has developed and maintained an excellent reputation as the chairman of the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce Board, head of the major gifts division of the New Vision of Excellence campaign at Southeast Missouri State University, and a member of the Southeast Missouri State University Booster Board and the university's Copper Dome, the Cape Girardeau City Council, the American Cancer Society, the Tower Club, the Cape Girardeau Country Club Board of Directors, the La Croix Church Building Committee, and the Southeast Missouri Hospital Board; and

Whereas, James Rust is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Beverly, the loving father of Krista, the wonderful father-in-law of Ryan, and a devoted grandfather to Max Elliott:

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 James Rust for the Rush H. Limbaugh Award from the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce and to convey to him 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 James A. Rust of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

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. 351, adopted January 31, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker