

House Resolution No. 889

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, Samuel C. "Sam" Houston of Liberty, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Director of Custodial Services at Liberty Junior High School, the owner of Houston Custodial Services, a Liberty City Councilman, and a community-minded volunteer; and

Whereas, on March 11, 2008, Sam Houston 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, Sam Houston prepared for his lifelong endeavors by earning a high school diploma in 1939 from Liberty's historic Garrison School, an educational institution that was founded in 1880 for black students and which today is a community center; and

Whereas, Sam Houston became the first African American to win election to the Liberty City Council and was instrumental in planning the town's first Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday celebration, first Civil Rights March in the community, and first Juneteenth celebration; and

Whereas, Sam Houston serves on the board of Clay County African American Legacy, Incorporated, as president of the Liberty Fellowship of the Concerned, and as a deacon at First Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Sam Houston is justifiably proud also to be known as the husband of Mary Helen Houston, now deceased, and the father of Eileen Houston-Stewart, Seawadon Houston, Bea Young, and Larry Harris:

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 Samuel Houston as an Outstanding Missourian and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on March 11, 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 Samuel C. "Sam" Houston of Liberty, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Tim Flook
District No. 34

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. 889, adopted March 4, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker