

House Resolution No. 641

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Jim and Sue Ahrens, long-time residents of Lexington, Missouri, who are moving from our state to Grinnell, Iowa; and

Whereas, Sue Ahrens taught kindergarten at Leslie Bell Elementary School for twenty-one years, and prior to that, taught pre-school and elementary school for twelve years in Iowa, and she took kindergarten kids under her wing and made sure that their first year in school was a positive experience, and she was well known for having lesson plans that were disguised as games but were rich in instructional values; and

Whereas, Sue Ahrens loves birds, loves to sew, is a member of PEO, exercises regularly, and led an exercise class at the Lexington 4-Life Center, and she has displayed a unique ability to bring senior citizens together to exercise and continually improve themselves; and

Whereas, Jim Ahrens taught at Wentworth Military Academy for twenty-four years, was a college instructor in the areas of history and military history, Chairman of the History Department, and he has been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington for twenty-six years, where he has served as an Elder and as clerk of the session for the past twelve years; and

Whereas, a Lexington Lions Club Wentworth Teacher of the Year, Jim Ahrens has been very active in the Lexington Rotary Club, as he has served as president, vice president, and secretary, and he has served as the on-going treasurer for the past few years; and

Whereas, Jim Ahrens has been the Volunteer Office Manager for the Lexington 4-Life project for the past six years and has provided much of the leadership that has contributed to the success of the project; and

Whereas, Jim Ahrens nobly served his country in the United States Air Force and was a member of the Army Reserves where he served three terms of active duty, one of which was in Desert Storm, holding rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves; and

Whereas, Jim and Sue Ahrens love to camp, are dog-lovers, ride bikes and walk, and they are the proud parents of four daughters, Dawn, Wendy, Ami, and Abbi, and the devoted grandparents of four children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to express our regret on the occasion of Jim and Sue Ahrens leaving the state they have so generously enriched; 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 Jim and Sue Ahrens, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Aull
District No. 26

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. 641, adopted February 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker