

House Resolution No. 649

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 or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Garnett Kelly, of Norwood, Missouri, who has been honored as this year's Wright County Citizen of the Year; and

Whereas, Garnett Kelly has been a dairy farmer for more than sixty years and is a retired State Representative representing the 143rd District, between 1970 and 1984, serving under Republican Governor Christopher Bond and Governor John Ashcroft; and

Whereas, while serving in the House of Representatives, Garnett Kelly served on the Agriculture Committee, Fees and Salaries Committees, Appropriations Committee, and Education Committee, among others; and

Whereas, Garnett Kelly's parents, Claude and Edna Kelly, were committeemen and committeewomen in Clay Township as early as 1930; and

Whereas, Garnett Kelly's career also includes service as a juvenile officer and as the assessor in Douglas County for twenty years; and

Whereas, Garnett Kelly nobly served his country in the United States Navy between 1944 and 1946, during World War II; and

Whereas, Garnett Kelly married his wife, Loretta, in 1945, and their union has been blessed with five children, twenty-three grandchildren, and many, many great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Garnett Kelly on the illustrious occasion of being named the Wright County Citizen of the Year, with our best wishes for every happiness and success in the future; 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 Garnett Kelly.

Offered by _____
Representative Van Kelly
District No. 144

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. 649, adopted February 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker