

House Resolution No. 986

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their achievements in the field of public service; and

Whereas, Rick Purdon is a retired Air Force Colonel who for the past four years has joyfully accepted the duties and responsibilities associated with elective office as the mayor of the city of Laurie, Missouri, a leadership endeavor that he will draw to a close on April 14, 2008, in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, a city resident for eleven years and in elective office for a total of six years as a member and chairman of the Laurie Board of Trustees and as the mayor, Rick Purdon has been instrumental in the success of transportation and waterworks system improvement bonds, construction of the city's first sewer system and sewer waste treatment plant facilities, improvements to the ballpark and fairgrounds, controlled growth that brought Laurie from a village to a fourth class city, and establishment of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission; and

Whereas, Rick Purdon also volunteers with the city's annual Easter egg hunt, barbecue cook-off, Hillbilly Fair, and Enchanted Village of Lights; serves on the Lake of the Ozarks Transportation Council and the Morgan County Enterprise Zone; and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705, and American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624; and

Whereas, other accomplishments garnered by Rick Purdon during his six years in civic offices include adopting a master plan, enacting planning and zoning ordinances, paving city maintained streets, widening sections of Highway 5, and beginning the installation of a storm warning system; and

Whereas, Rick Purdon is the beloved husband of Sue Purdon and the loving father of Kevin Purdon, Kathy Kamradt, and Kristy Sloan; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Rick Purdon:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Rick Purdon and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 Rick Purdon of Laurie, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney Schad
District No. 115

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. 986, adopted March 11, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker