

House Resolution No. 1212

**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**, Joe Edwards of University City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an entrepreneurial businessman, historic building renovator, and developer; and

**Whereas**, on April 2, 2008, Joe Edwards 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**, Joe Edwards prepared for his lifelong endeavors by earning the rank of Eagle Scout and by graduating from John Burroughs School and Duke University; and

**Whereas**, a native of Saint Louis, Joe Edwards opened the Blueberry Hill restaurant and music club, cofounded The Loop Special Business District and serves as its chairman, founded and chairs the nonprofit Saint Louis Walk of Fame, restored and re-opened the Tivoli Theatre, originated holiday lights in The Loop, built the Pageant Building and opened the Pageant concert nightclub, arranged for the nonprofit Regional Arts Commission to build its new headquarters and gallery in The Loop, renovated buildings at 6133, 6138-40, 6142-46, and 6101 Delmar, opened the Flamingo Bowl, and planned the current construction of the Moonrise Hotel and the Loop Trolley Company's fixed-track, vintage trolley system connecting University City's City Hall with the Missouri History Museum; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to numerous awards and accolades, Joe Edwards is justifiably proud to be the recipient of such honorary degrees as the Doctor of Laws from Washington University, the Doctor of Fine Arts from Saint Louis University, and the Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Missouri-Saint Louis:

**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 Joe Edwards as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 2, 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 Joe Edwards of University City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rachel Storch  
District No. 64

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. 1212, adopted March 25, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker