

## House Resolution No. 1775

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to recognize the meritorious endeavors of outstanding Missourians, a task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

**Whereas**, David and Barbara Shurn of Malden, Missouri, will retire from their position as Foster Parents with the Missouri Department of Social Service, Children's Division, on May 2, 2008; and

**Whereas**, David and Barbara Shurn are outstanding individuals who have faithfully performed their important duties and responsibilities with the utmost professionalism, conscientiousness, and fairness; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Shurn derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where David serves as a Deacon and Barbara has distinguished herself as a member of the Zion Grove Sisterhood Ladies Group, an Usher, and Chairman of the Zion Grove Kitchen Committee; and

**Whereas**, David and Barbara Shurn, who were married in Malden by the Reverend Quincy Keeble on June 12, 1981, have also enjoyed recognition by adopting a sibling group of five; and

**Whereas**, David and Barbara Shurn will undoubtedly look back over the past several years and reminisce about their many worthwhile experiences and their special relationships with twelve foster children while basking in the glow of a successful career now at its end; and

**Whereas**, David and Barbara Shurn have been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include fifteen children, Sarah Bridgeford, Dennis Shurn, Patricia Shurn, David Shurn, Jr., Carolyn Smith, Angela Anderson, Robert Anderson, Octavia Ratshidaho, Emmett Anderson, Rachelle Goldwood, Kimberly Shurn, Brittany Shurn, Tiffany Shurn, Tameika Shurn, and Alkeisha Shurn:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing deep gratitude for the superb service that David and Barbara Shurn have rendered to the Dunklin County Foster Care program during the past eighteen years and in wishing them ample opportunity to enjoy the better things life has to offer; 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 David and Barbara Shurn.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Todd  
District No. 163

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. 1775, adopted April 14, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker