

House Resolution No. 2922

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the late Robert E. Gratz, a longtime leader of the Cole County community; and

Whereas, Robert Gratz was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on November 7, 1925, and was raised on a farm by his great-aunt and great-uncle on Big Meadows Road in eastern Cole County, where he attended St. Francis Xavier Grade School and High School; and

Whereas, following his dutiful service in the United States Army during World War II, Robert Gratz served as an excavating contractor in the central Missouri area for nearly twenty-five years and enjoyed success as an auctioneer that began in 1949, a legacy he passed on to his son and grandson before his death in 2001; and

Whereas, Robert Gratz purchased his family's farm in 1957 and for many years enjoyed farming, caring for his cattle, and raising German Shepherds; and

Whereas, Robert Gratz was a dedicated public servant and Democratic Committeeman for Liberty Township for several years before being elected to the position of Eastern District County Commissioner, through which he was integral in the passage of the first ½ cent county sales tax proposal for roads and bridges;

Whereas, Robert Gratz received the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, the former Mary E. Twehous; his four children, Sharon Raithel., Bill Gratz, Ruby Radamacher, and Roberta Schnieders; and his ten grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in honoring Robert Gratz for his lifetime contributions and service to the Cole County community; 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 the late Robert E. Gratz.

Offered by _____
Representative Sara Lampe
District No. 138

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. 2922, adopted May 8, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker