

## House Resolution No. 3470

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through many years of excellence in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, Harry M. Cornell, Jr., an esteemed resident of Joplin, Missouri, officially retired as Chairman Emeritus of the Leggett and Platt, Inc. Board of Directors on May 8, 2008, after fifty-eight years of exceptional service and dedication; and

**Whereas**, Harry Cornell's official career with Leggett and Platt began in 1950 following his graduation from the University of Missouri, from which he earned a degree in business administration and marketing; and

**Whereas**, the grandson of company cofounder J.P. Leggett, Harry Cornell served as a sales office assistant and trainee before moving into sales and successfully establishing both large and small accounts in the southern Illinois and Ohio territories; and

**Whereas**, following a brief stint as a commissioned sales representative in the company's Kansas territory, Harry Cornell was selected to manage the company's struggling Ennis, Texas plant, and was later named company vice president in 1955, member of the Board of Directors in 1958, and President of the company in 1960; and

**Whereas**, during his thirty-nine years of leadership, Harry Cornell and his management team led Leggett and Platt, Inc. from \$7 million in annual sales to \$3.5 billion, and from four factories to more than two hundred worldwide; and

**Whereas**, born in 1928 in the Dutch East Indies to Mack and Marjorie Cornell of Carthage, Harry Cornell is a past recipient of the company's "Partners in Progress" Award for outstanding service:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Harry Cornell for his fifty-eight years of unparalleled service to Leggett and Pratt, Inc., and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; 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 Harry M. Cornell, Jr.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ronald F. Richard  
District No. 129

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. 3470, adopted June 20, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker