

House Resolution No. 4107

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Betty Jo Howitt of King City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a music educator who began her teaching career in Sidney, Iowa, and then moved to the King City R-I School District, where she taught for thirty-five years before retiring in 1986; and

Whereas, Betty Jo Howitt will enhance her already impressive record of achievement on September 20, 2008, during Living History Day when she is named as the 2008 Outstanding Citizen by the Tri-County Museum and Historical Society in light of her longstanding contributions as a member and curator; and

Whereas, an active member of the Tri-County Museum and Historical Society since its inception in 1976, Betty Jo Howitt has served as curator of the Limpp building for a number of years and has been responsible for the content of the displays there related to the history and development of northwest Missouri, specifically the tri-county area of Gentry, Andrew, and DeKalb counties; and

Whereas, Betty Jo Howitt takes tremendous pride in her Scottish heritage and is an integral part of Living History Day through her operating the general store, churning butter, providing musical entertainment, and handling advertising for the event; and

Whereas, Betty Jo Howitt has directed the King City Community Easter Cantata for forty-two years, has been an esteemed member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority since 1960, and is a member of Alpha Upsilon Master Chapter in King City; and

Whereas, holder of the highest degree offered by Beta Sigma Phi International, Betty Jo Howitt also is a longtime member of King City Presbyterian Church, where she heads the music department, plays the piano and organ, and serves as the choir director and a Sunday School teacher; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Betty Jo Howitt:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Betty Jo Howitt and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon being selected as the 2008 Outstanding Citizen by the Tri-County Museum and Historical Society; 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 Betty Jo Howitt of King City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

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. 4107, adopted September 10, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker