

House Resolution No. 4140

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased and proud to pause in the course of their diverse daily activities to recognize milestone events in the lives of Missouri residents, particularly those effecting this great state's public servants; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Jim Parkhurst, who retired from the City of St. Joseph (Missouri) Fire Department on September 1, 2008, after thirty-five years and nine months of loyal and dedicated service as Captain; and

Whereas, through his career, Jim Parkhurst responded to every conceivable emergency situation including a multi-alarm fires, vehicle extrications, and medical and hazardous materials emergencies; and

Whereas, Jim Parkhurst finished his firefighting career as Captain Ladder 5 on the city's east side, which includes three major highways and covers half of the city's forty-four square miles; and

Whereas, Ladder 5's ninety-five-foot towner is one of two aerials responding to all regular alarms east of 28th Street and carries the reserve supply of air bottles as well as ventilation equipment; and

Whereas, Jim Parkhurst nobly served his state and his nation as a member of the Army National Guard, retiring after twenty-two years of service and activation in support of Desert Storm; and

Whereas, a member Firefighters Local 77, Jim Parkhurst served the local as an officer, first as an E-Board member and then as Vice President; and

Whereas, Jim Parkhurst is the beloved husband of Dottie, and they are the devoted parents of James "Rusty", Lisa, and Heather:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere gratitude and admiration to Jim Parkhurst on the occasion of his retirement, with full appreciation of the sacrifices he has made in the service of public safety; 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 Jim Parkhurst.

Offered by _____
Representative Ed Wildberger
District No. 27

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. 4140, adopted September 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker