

## House Resolution No. 4432

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives now pause to recognize the City of Fair Grove, on the illustrious occasion of its fortieth anniversary of incorporation on September 29, 2007; and

**Whereas**, in the early years of Fair Grove, the hometown residents – mostly Methodists and Presbyterians – met to worship under a brush arbor about where a small house of worship was built and afterward a spacious arbor supported by numerous posts and covered with clapboards, served a few years; and

**Whereas**, at one of these meetings the question was asked “What shall we name this place?” and Uncle Willis Spence, as he was familiarly called, suggested that it be called Fair Grove after the name of the Methodist church of which he had been a member, in Randolph County, N. C., and all acquiesced and the name has ever since remained; and

**Whereas**, in 1883, a very good and efficient buhr mill was built to grind both corn and wheat, and after a few years they dispensed with the wheat buhr and installed the roller process of making flour which enabled them to turn out a high grade of merchantable flour and the proprietors for years and years had a very lucrative business; and

**Whereas**, Fair Grove has maintained its “Old Mill Town” traditions – a strong work ethic, devotion to the family, to honesty, and to fairness – as it has grown from a sleepy little town to a vibrant small city supporting a two manufacturing facilities, four banks, two full-service restaurants, photography studios, and two advertising agencies, just to name a few of the businesses that thrive there today; and

**Whereas**, within the next five years, the population is expected to double, and Highway 65 will expand to four lanes, and other new and expanded roads are planned; and

**Whereas**, on September 29, 2007, Fair Grove will host the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Grove Heritage Reunion, featuring over three hundred booths, a Saturday hometown parade, and a Sunday church service, and this annual event includes country music, dancing, period entertainment, and horse and mule obstacle-course demonstrations, among other family favorites; and

**Whereas**, Fair Grove from its early existence has been noted for as a center for commerce, faith, family and fellowship which increased as the years have passed:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the City of Fair Grove on the auspicious occasion of its fortieth year of incorporation and to wish it every success in the future; 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 City of Fair Grove.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Shane Schoeller  
District No. 139

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4432, adopted August 13, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker