

House Resolution No. 4254

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State religious institutions that admirably enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of the spiritual services they provide; and

Whereas, Baptist Hill Assembly of rural Mount Vernon, Missouri, was founded in 1918 when members of the Patton family donated land to the Lawrence County Baptist Association; and

Whereas, in 2008 Baptist Hill Assembly will celebrate its ninety years in operation as a place for camp meetings, retreats, youth camps, and other religious gatherings; and

Whereas, located on eighty-seven acres atop a wooded bluff overlooking the Spring River and its valley, visitors to Baptist Hill Assembly gather together in order to see God's handiwork, hear His word, and feel His touch; and

Whereas, the natural spring below the bluff has long been a popular spot for residents of the area, with the first recorded use of the site for a religious assembly occurring in 1912; and

Whereas, 3,000 people have met at times at Baptist Hill Assembly in order to set aside their busy lives, get away from television and other distractions, and focus on God; and

Whereas, originally known as Baptist Hill Camp, Baptist Hill Assembly took its current name during the 1960s when several southwest Missouri Baptist associations formed a partnership; and

Whereas, today's Baptist Hill Assembly is supported by eight Baptist associations, each of which makes financial contributions for the location's upkeep; and

Whereas, extensive improvements have been made to Baptist Hill Assembly during the past six years, including remodeling dormitories, adding new units, and cleaning up and disposing of storm debris:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Baptist Hill Assembly and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they observe the Ninetieth Anniversary of the founding of their facility; 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 Baptist Hill Assembly of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Don Ruzicka
 District No. 132

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. 4254, adopted September 30, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker