

## House Resolution No. 4342

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Sam Giambelluca, a treasured resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, who is to be commended for his many years of service to the young people of Poplar Bluff and Butler County; and

**Whereas**, Sam Giambelluca has been a fixture on the youth sports scene in Poplar Bluff for many years, during which time he served as the National Chairman of the AAU/USA Junior Olympics Track and Field Program, Ozark Association Junior Olympic Chairman, Referee of the National AAU Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships, first President of the Poplar Bluff Little League, Director of the AAU Women's Junior National Outdoor Track and Field Championships, and member of the Poplar Bluff Park Board; and

**Whereas**, Sam Giambelluca originated and directed the Poplar Bluff Letter Club Gridiron Banquet for more than fifty years, founded the SEMO Track Club and Poplar Bluff AAU Track Meets in 1962, conducted the competition in the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Finals from 1974 to 1978, and founded the Mid-South Senior Olympics, the Poplar Bluff Historical Museum in 1988, and the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce "Dallas Days", which he chaired with his wife for several years in the mid 1970s; and

**Whereas**, a selector for the Sporting News Prep All America Teams, Sam Giambelluca was also selected to the Missouri Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1982 and inducted to the Poplar Bluff Sports Hall of Fame in 1986, and

**Whereas**, the store manager at Bob Evans Shoes which he later purchased with his wife in 1975, Sam Giambelluca is proud to have had both the Poplar Bluff Grade School Track Meet and the Poplar Bluff High School Track named in his honor; and

**Whereas**, retired since the 1990s, Sam Giambelluca has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of fifty-four years, Judy; his five daughters and their husbands, Denise Giambelluca, Teresa and Clinton Salyer, Elaine Giambelluca, Mary and Wayne Glasgow, and Angela and Scott McDaniel; and his seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren:

**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 Sam Giambelluca for his lasting contribution to youth sports in Poplar Bluff and Butler County; 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 Sam Giambelluca, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Gayle Kingery  
 District No. 154

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. 4342, adopted October 9, 2008.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker