

House Resolution No. 4664

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

Whereas, Joe Ben Whetstine, an esteemed resident of Cabool, Missouri, will officially step down as District 1 Commissioner of Texas County on December 31, 2008, after eight years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Joe Ben Whetstine has been responsible for the general supervision of all county administration and assignments focusing on Wri-Tex 911 and Rural Development; and

Whereas, a member of the Missouri Association of Counties and the County Commissioners Association of Missouri, Joe Ben Whetstine helped establish the Texas County Land Use Plan, the Commissioner's Corner newspaper, and an "Open Door" policy in his office; complete the Sand Shoals Bridge Project; and activated the Texas County Planning Commission and Township Advisory Board; and

Whereas, a charter member of Cabool Second Baptist Church where he serves as a Deacon, Joe Ben Whetstine is Chairman of the Gentry Residential Liaison Council and member of the Texas County Farm Bureau, Texas County Cattlemen, Texas County Hospital Community Assessment Committee, Texas County Gideons, Ozark Property Rights, Ozarks Older Iron, and Texas County Republicans; and

Whereas, Joe Ben Whetstine has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Carol Jean Whetstine; his four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Debbie Whetstine, Jeff and Aimee Whetstine, Jonathan and Lola Whetstine, and Justin and Pennie Whetstine; and his eight grandchildren, Jessica, Jena, Joanna, Jacob, Lydia, Brittany, Elizabeth, and Theo:

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 Joe Ben Whetstine for his eight years of unparalleled service to the citizenry of Texas County, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; 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 Joe Ben Whetstine.

Offered by _____
 Representative Don Wells
 District No. 147

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. 4664, adopted November 19, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker