

House Resolution No. 4737

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities that admirably broaden and deepen the cultural and economic foundations of this great state; and

Whereas, the village of Clarksburg, Missouri, was incorporated on March 6, 1882, by the Moniteau County Court; and

Whereas, Clarksburg can trace its roots to 1839 when Sabastian Sappington located there from Richmond, followed by Hiram Clark in 1840 from Logan County, Kentucky; and

Whereas, Hiram Clark built a house and had the area surrounding it surveyed for a town, which was subsequently named in honor of his family; and

Whereas, in 1859 W.J. Stephens opened the first store in Clarksburg, and a post office was established with Hiram Clark appointed as the postmaster, and

Whereas, General J.O. Shelby, a Civil War officer, opened a coal mine on the Issac Williams farm, which began the process that made Clarksburg the coal mining center of Moniteau County during the late 1800s and early 1900s; and

Whereas, Clarksburg became known as the educational center of the state with a public school, the Hooper Institute, and Clarksburg College providing elementary school, high school, and higher education courses; and

Whereas, Clarksburg also was home to two hotels, four grocery stores, two restaurants, two drug stores, a men's clothing store, two millinery shops, a flour mill, two feed grinding mills, a farmer's elevator, two produce stores, three blacksmith shops, two doctors, a dentist, one telephone company and a farmer's telephone company, a lumber yard, a bank, a bakery, a butcher shop, a livery barn, the Clarksburg Advertiser newspaper, a hardware store, and two churches; and

Whereas, the blacksmith shop owned by J.E. and Arcus Douglas developed a display of horseshoes that took First Place at the 1904 World's Fair in Saint Louis, with Arcus Douglas further enhancing his personal reputation by being elected to several terms with the Missouri House of Representatives:

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 of Clarksburg and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the establishment of their town; 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 the city of Clarksburg, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Kenny Jones
 District No. 117

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. 4737, adopted September 13, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker