

House Resolution No. 1551

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of important Show-Me State pioneer families whose descendants continue to be stellar citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Hannah Allison Cole was a woman of undying spirit, determination, adventure, and opportunity who is today known as a true pioneer mother of the city of Boonville and the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, descendants of Hannah Cole will hold the family's Seventieth Reunion in June 2004 at Boonville, a significant event which will culminate in the dedication of a statue of the family's matriarch; and

Whereas, despite the hardship posed by being a widow during the early days of the settling of the upper Louisiana Territory, Hannah Cole excelled as an explorer, adventurer, farmer businesswoman, and mother of nine children, including James, Holbert, Stephen, Samuel, Jennie, Mattie, Ann, William, and Nellie; and

Whereas, after the death of her beloved husband, William Temple Cole, Hannah Cole continued to make a name for herself as the first woman to obtain a business license in Boonville; and

Whereas, Hannah Cole operated a ferry across the Missouri River and ran the largest of two forts on the south side of the river which subsequently became the site of the first County seat of Howard and Cooper counties and the location of the area's first church service and educational facility; and

Whereas, Hannah Cole serves as a splendid example of what someone of strength and determination can accomplish through the challenges of a simple life focused on carving out a modest living from available resources:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the rich history of the Cole family, to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes to all of those involved in the current Cole Family Descendants Reunion, and to extend our congratulations at the successful dedication of the Hannah Allison Cole statue in Boonville; 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 presentation during the Hannah Allison Cole statue dedication.

Offered by _____
 Representative Larry Crawford
 District No. 117

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1551, adopted April 7, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker