Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State natives who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Dr. Theresa M. Bert of Bradenton, Florida, has attained considerable distinction as a Senior Research Scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, Dr. Theresa Bert will be a guest of honor at a Benefit/Reception sponsored by the Perryville Area Higher Education Center; and

Whereas, Dr. Theresa Bert was born in Perryville into the loving family of John and Alice Bert; and

Whereas, the beloved wife of John M. Stevely and the wonderful mother of John B. Stevely, Dr. Theresa Bert prepared for her career in fish and wildlife conservation by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and mathematics in 1972 from Southeast Missouri State University, a Master of Science degree in marine science in 1976 from the University of South Florida, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in biology in 1985 from Yale University; and

Whereas, prior to accepting her appointment as a Senior Research Scientist at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Marine Research Institute in 1998, Dr. Theresa Bert was an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of South Florida, Adjunct Professor at Auburn University, Adjunct Research Associate at Florida State University, Instructor at Boston University, Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Florida, Graduate Research Fellow at Yale University, Graduate Teaching Assistant at Yale University, Marine Biologist II at the University of Florida, Research Technician and Graduate Research Assistant at the University of South Florida, Instructor at the Pinellas County Science Center, Instructor at the Saint Thomas Institute, and Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at Southeast Missouri State University:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar, and highly productive career enjoyed by Dr. Theresa Bert as a Senior Research Scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and to convey to her this legislative body’s most heartfelt congratulations upon her receipt of well-deserved honors and accolades from the Perryville Area High Education Center; 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 Dr. Theresa M. Bert of Bradenton, Florida.

Offered by ______________________________________
Representative Steven Tilley
District No. 106

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1258, adopted March 15, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker