

## House Resolution No. 3561

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Alvin Brooks serves the people and institutions of Kansas City as the 6th District At-Large Councilman, Mayor Pro Tem, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Chair of the Police Capital Improvements Oversight Committee, Chair of the Police Site Selection Committee, Vice-chair of the Aviation Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee; and

**Whereas**, elected to his second term as a Councilman in 2003, Alvin Brooks previously developed and maintained an excellent reputation as President of the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime, a broad-based grassroots community organization which he founded in 1977 and which brought him national recognition by President George Bush in November 1989; and

**Whereas**, Alvin Brooks is a former Kansas City police officer who served from 1954 to 1964 and rose to the rank of Detective; and

**Whereas**, in 1968 Alvin Brooks organized the city's Human Relations Department in response to a time of civil disorder, and from 1968 to 1984 he led that organization as its first Director and as the first African-American to serve as a city department head; and

**Whereas**, Alvin Brooks is the recipient of numerous honors and accolades, including honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Rockhurst University and Park University and an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree; and

**Whereas**, Alvin Brooks prepared for his diverse enterprises by earning an Associate of Arts degree from Lincoln Junior College, an undergraduate degree in history and government, and a Master's degree in sociology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to express this legislative body's most heartfelt "Happy Birthday" to Alvin Brooks and to convey to him our sincerest best wishes for many more celebrations in life; 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 Alvin Brooks of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Cathy Jolly  
 District No. 45

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. 3561, adopted May 25, 2005.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker