

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to enhancing the future of this great state by ensuring that its past is remembered and properly commemorated; and

Whereas, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Westport Camp #64, in the Department of Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an organization devoted to illuminating the events and people of one of the most divisive periods in American history; and

Whereas, on Sunday, July 17, 2005, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will dedicate a memorial at the Pisgah Cemetery to mark the burial site of six Union veterans of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry who were killed in the First Battle of Fredericksburg on July 17, 1864; and

Whereas, although their identities remained unknown for many years, the six soldiers whose lives were forfeited in that battle are now known to be Sergeant Truman C. Greenslit and Privates Charles H. Godfrey, David Good, John H. Picard, William H. Robson, and Simon Simpkins; and

Whereas, led by Captain Thomas Moses, Jr., a group of forty-seven men from Companies C and M of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry engaged in battle with approximately three hundred Bushwhackers led by Captains John Thrailkill and Charles "Fletch" Taylor; and

Whereas, the First Battle of Fredericksburg in Ray County, Missouri, resulted in the deaths of six Union soldiers, who were buried in an unmarked mass grave in Pisgah Cemetery, and of sixteen guerillas, who were interred in the family cemetery of Louis Seybold, a southern sympathizer who owned a tavern a couple of miles west of Fredericksburg; and

Whereas, although Pisgah Baptist Church no longer exists, the final resting site of the six Union soldiers is currently marked by a natural red granite boulder:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their efforts in establishing a memorial at Pisgah Cemetery in Ray County, Missouri; 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 to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Westport Camp #64.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

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. ____, adopted _____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker