

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING MORT WALKER ON  
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF WRITING  
THE BEETLE BAILEY COMIC STRIP  
AND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 87<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AND**

**WHEREAS**, Mort Walker, on the occasion of his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 4, 2010, is celebrating sixty years of writing the Beetle Bailey comic strip; and

**WHEREAS**, Mort Walker began the Beetle Bailey comic strip on September 4, 1950 and it now appears in 1,800 newspapers across thirty-five countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beetle Bailey comic strip is the longest-running comic strip drawn by its original creator in the history of comics; and

**WHEREAS**, Mort Walker graduated from the University of Missouri in 1948, and today a life-sized bronze statue of Beetle Bailey stands in front of the alumni center; and

**WHEREAS**, Mort Walker, the creator of the Beetle Bailey comic strip and a longtime area resident, turned eighty-seven on September 4, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Mort Walker served with the U.S. Army in Italy during World War II, and was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1947; and

**WHEREAS**, Mort Walker settled in the New York City area to pursue a career in cartooning, where his first 200 cartoons were rejected until he reached his first success with Beetle Bailey; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Walker is one of the longest-drawing cartoonists in history, having also created Hi and Lois, Sam's Strip and Sam and Silo.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives that it congratulates Mr. Mort Walker on celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of writing the Beetle Bailey comic strip; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives that it wishes Mr. Mort Walker a very happy 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Approved by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
This 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk