

House Resolution No. 138

Whereas, Bill Kohn, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will be honored as one of five proud recipients of the 2002 Missouri Arts Council Arts Awards during a special presentation by Governor Bob Holden to be held February 13, 2002, in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, presented each year by the Missouri Arts Council, the Missouri Arts Awards recognize individuals, art educators, businesses, and other organizations for their contributions to the arts industry and the profound effect they have upon the cultural climate of Missouri; and

Whereas, one of St. Louis' best and most beloved artists, Bill Kohn has distinguished himself as a painter, computer artist, teacher, mentor, and world traveler for more than forty years; and

Whereas, born and raised in Ames Place in University City, Bill Kohn has traveled extensively throughout his career as an artist, capturing the landscape and architecture of such diverse places as Mexico, France, India, and Spain, where he has held exhibitions of his work in local museums and galleries; and

Whereas, currently professor emeritus at Washington University where he has taught young artists for almost four decades, Bill Kohn has been a catalyst for the redevelopment of the Skinker-deBaliver neighborhood where his studio has served as a place for fellow artists and students to come to work during his open drawing sessions; and

Whereas, an influential teacher to the young students at Washington University and proud recipient of the school's Distinguished Faculty Award in 1987, Bill Kohn has worked with other artists creating innovative performance pieces that explore dance, electronic music, poetry, and painting, while his collaborative performances have been held at both the Edison and Sheldon theatres in St. Louis; and

Whereas, Bill Kohn's art and teaching have enriched hundreds of lives across this country and abroad and continue to serve as an inspiration to all who have had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with him:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Bill Kohn at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; 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 2002 Missouri Arts Council Arts Award recipient Bill Kohn.

Offered by _____
 Representative Robert Hilgemann
 District No. 64

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 138, adopted January 28, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker

