

House Resolution No. 304

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative pursuits in order to recognize milestone achievements in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which have a well-deserved reputation for ensuring the highest levels of professionalism within their members' chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Association of Realtors was established in 1877 as the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange to advance the interests of the city of St. Louis and its inhabitants by promoting public improvements and by maintaining an organization for sales and purchase of real estate where public or private sales could be made, real estate loans negotiated, and properties rented or leased; and

Whereas, astutely led by Theophile Papin during its inaugural years, the St. Louis Association of Realtors has elected numerous Presidents down through the years, including its first woman leader, Vivian Osborne in 1979, and its current head, Judy Wildernan, who is admirably assisted by long-term Executive Vice President Jack Goldman, a former state legislator; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Association of Realtors is part of a longstanding tradition of professionalism and community involvement which led to the establishment of the first Code of Professional Ethics, California's groundbreaking real estate license law, the Herbert U. Nelson Memorial Library which hosts the largest collection of real estate books and other materials in the United States, and real estate degree programs offered by such institutions of higher learning as Saint Louis University; and

Whereas, headquartered on Olive Boulevard, the St. Louis Association of Realtors proudly affiliates itself with the National Association of Realtors and the Missouri Association of Realtors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the members and leadership of the St. Louis Association of Realtors and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest commendation of their organization's stellar professional history and our best wishes as they observe "St. Louis Association of Realtors' Day" on Sunday, April 14, 2002; 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 to commemorate the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the St. Louis Association of Realtors.

Offered by _____
Representative Joseph L. Treadway, #96

Representative Christopher A. "Chris" Liese, #85

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. 304, adopted February 13, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

