

House Resolution No. 296

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 admirably dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life in local neighborhoods and communities through the support of vital and growing businesses; and

Whereas, Reuben H. Siverling is a business consultant with the Rockhurst University Small Business Development Center in Kansas City, Missouri; and

Whereas, named Small Business Advocate of the Year by the Clay/Platte Development Corporation, Reuben Siverling has worked for the Small Business Development Center at Rockhurst University for nearly five years; and

Whereas, passionate about assisting Small Business Development Center clients, Reuben Siverling assists those seeking to start or improve small businesses with such important tasks as working on financial statements and loan packages and meeting with bankers, efforts which have resulted in clients receiving more than \$10.2 million in financing during the course of a single year; and

Whereas, part of the statewide system of Missouri Small Business Development Centers, the Rockhurst University Small Business Development Center established a satellite office in Kansas City's Northland largely through the vision and dedication of Reuben Siverling who formed a partnership with University Outreach and Extension to increase the number of clients served north of the river by twenty percent; and

Whereas, Reuben Siverling has not only fulfilled his normal duties and responsibilities in a highly efficient and effective manner, but has also sought to support the work of the Rockhurst University Small Business Development Center by serving as a guest speaker at numerous organizations throughout the city and in the Executive Fellows program and by teaching an undergraduate Entrepreneur class:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Reuben Siverling as Small Business Advocate of the Year by the Clay/Platte Development Corporation and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years as he maintains his work on behalf of the Northland region of the Kansas City metropolitan area; 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 Reuben H. Siverling, Small Business Advocate of the Year.

Offered by _____
Representative Susan C. Phillips
District No. 32

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. 296, adopted February 13, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

