

## House Resolution No. 809

**Whereas**, Judith A. "Judie" Ashley of Kirkwood, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

**Whereas**, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

**Whereas**, since 1998, Judie Ashley has served as the Volunteer Resource Director for the St. Patrick Center, a charity focused on helping the homeless in St. Louis, where she has successfully coordinated more than 5,700 volunteers for all of the organization's programs and services; and

**Whereas**, Judie Ashley credits her success to the unwavering support of corporate volunteers and benefactors that include WalMart, Ford Motor Company, Anheuser Busch, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and Ameren UE, just to name a few; and

**Whereas**, a founding member of the National Planned Giving Program, Judie Ashley raised \$2.5 million each year for the American Red Cross from 1984 to 1989, and \$100,000 each year in Annuities for Presbyterian Children's Services from 1993 to 1997, and increased volunteer membership at the St. Patrick Center from 3,000 to 5,700 participants; and

**Whereas**, Judie Ashley has compiled an enviable list of service to the St. Louis community through her active affiliation with the United Way Volunteer Certification Committee, the Pallotti Center, Sister Cities International 2003 Conference, and Aid for Victims of Crime; and

**Whereas**, a proud recipient of countless awards and accolades including the Boy Scouts of America Pioneer Leadership Award, Judie Ashley organized both the Kirkwood Youth Council and the Missouri Chapter for the Walk for Mankind, provided Leadership Training for the St. Louis Council Boy Scouts of America Den Leaders Program, founded the Rhythmic Gymnastics Foundation, and served as chairman of the Green Tree Festival, and member of both the Hide a-Way Yacht Club and Boulder Yacht Club board of directors:

**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 heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Judie Ashley upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; 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 Judith A. Ashley.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Cathy Jolly  
 District No. 45

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. 809, adopted March 15, 2002.

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