

## House Resolution No. 21

**Whereas**, St. Ambrose Parish in St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary on January 12, 2003, during a special celebration to be attended by Archbishop Justin Rigali; and

**Whereas**, the mission parish of St. Ambrose was founded by Father Caesar Spigardi in 1903, since which time it has pronounced the Word of Jesus Christ and has ministered to the needs of the community through one hundred years of glorious dedication to God Almighty; and

**Whereas**, Father Lucian Carotti, the first pastor at St. Ambrose Parish, established a school in 1906 which has always benefitted from the dedicated service of religious sisters from such orders as the Order of Therese, Sisters of Loretto, Missionary Zelatrice, and the Sacred Heart; and

**Whereas**, following a fire that destroyed the structure in 1921, a new church was dedicated in 1926 with the original five bells for the new church that represented the five areas of Italy from which the members of St. Ambrose had come, while the stars on the original ceiling of the church symbolized each dollar donated by the children at the school for its construction; and

**Whereas**, throughout its rich history, St. Ambrose Parish has witnessed several of its sons become priests, starting with Monsignor Jaspas Chiodini, and many of its daughters enter the religious life; and

**Whereas**, members of St. Ambrose Parish have generously cared for their neighbors by supporting the St. Vincent DePaul Society, contributing \$30,000 to aid earthquake victims in Italy in 1979, and participating in the annual Corpus Christi procession and the St. Joseph Table during Lent; and

**Whereas**, St. Ambrose Parish is the focal point of neighborhood celebrations, including LaFesta and Giro della Montagna and continues a fine tradition of one hundred years through commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of its members, changing with the times, and looking ahead to a wonderful future with God:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to St. Ambrose Parish upon this very special anniversary celebration, and in wishing all parishioners tremendous peace and prosperity as they continue to serve the Christian mission; 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 St. Ambrose Parish in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Fred Kratky  
 District No. 65

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 21, adopted January 9, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker