

House Resolution No. 60

Whereas, Karl N. Morris, an esteemed resident of Gladstone, Missouri, will step down as Executive Director of Concerned Care, Inc., after thirty-one years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Karl Morris founded Concerned Care, Inc., a comprehensive, community-based program that serves people with developmental disabilities, in 1972, since which time he has acquired an employee base of more than 120 and has obtained accredited services for more than 500 through group homes, apartment programs, supported living, adult day health care, and community recreation services; and

Whereas, the co-author of numerous publications, Karl Morris spearheaded the establishment of the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services, Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, and the Missouri Chapter of the American Network of Community Options and Resources; and

Whereas, a caring and concerned individual who pioneered apartment living services for adults with developmental disabilities, Karl Morris is a worthy recipient of many awards and honors, including the 1996 Harrah's Constellation Award, 1988 Missouri Chapter of the American Association on Mental Retardation Monsignor Behrman Award, and the 1983 Missouri Association on Mental Deficiency Distinguished Service Award, just to name a few; and

Whereas, Karl Morris is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, Community Living Opportunities, the Kiwanis, North Kansas City Business Council, North Kansas City Tax Increment Financing Commission, and the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services, of which he is a lifetime member; and

Whereas, Karl Morris has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Kathleen; his two children, Tracy Smith and Nicholas Morris; and his two grandchildren, Connor and Kaitlyn Morris; and

Whereas, Karl Morris looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead as he pursues special projects that include developing a HUD housing program for citizens with developmental disabilities in Kansas City North:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Karl Morris for his thirty-one years of unparalleled service to Concerned Care, Inc., and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; 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 Karl N. Morris.

Offered by _____
 Representative Trent Skaggs
 District No. 31

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. 60, adopted January 15, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker