

## House Resolution No. 454

**Whereas**, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State residents who are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of areas and regions which illustrate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Neal H. Lopinot, Director of The Center for Archaeological Research at Southwest Missouri State University, has devoted himself to overseeing the work of the Big Eddy Archaeological Project located along the lower Sac River in Cedar County near the town of Stockton; and

**Whereas**, threatened by the repeated release of large quantities of water from Stockton Lake for power generation, the Big Eddy Archaeological Project has been the scene of four seasons of intensive field excavation at one of the most significant early prehistoric sites ever discovered in midcontinental North America; and

**Whereas**, the Big Eddy Archaeological Project is investigating a rare Paleoindian location that contains an entire prehistoric cultural sequence preserved in a series of stratified terraces that began forming during the close of the last glacial period about 15,000 years ago; and

**Whereas**, serving as a focus in the fight against degradation that can destroy an area's historical and education significance, Dr. Neal Lopinot will receive a prestigious 2003 Preserve Missouri Award for outstanding achievement in the area of Archeology at a special awards ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 26, 2003; and

**Whereas**, founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust, Missouri Preservation is a grassroots network of individuals, organizations, and commissions located throughout the state with its headquarters centrally located in Columbia, and is the only non-profit preservation organization in the state:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of Dr. Neal Lopinot and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he receives a well-deserved 2003 Preserve Missouri Award for Archeology from Missouri Preservation; 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 Dr. Neal Lopinot of The Center for Archaeological Research at Southwest Missouri State University.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ronnie Miller  
District No. 133

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. 454, adopted February 20, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker