

## House Resolution No. 464

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to helping children succeed in life, at home, and in school; and

**Whereas**, Leatherwood's Home for Children in Kansas City, Missouri, will be recognized by the Kansas City Small Business Monthly of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, at its Second Annual 25 Under 25 Awards dinner and gala which will be held on February 22, 2003; and

**Whereas**, created to honor twenty-five businesses in the Kansas City metropolitan area which employ twenty-five or fewer workers, the 25 Under 25 Awards program recognizes those businesses which demonstrate consistent growth, foster a culture of community involvement, and demonstrate an ability to overcome obstacles; and

**Whereas**, owned and operated by Donna Sanders and her brother, Michael Sanders, Leatherwood's Home for Children helps displaced youth to succeed in the face of discouraging odds; and

**Whereas**, Leatherwood's Home for Children is a five-year-old business which serves as a temporary home for up to a dozen nine- to seventeen-year-olds, with an additional twelve families provided with tutoring, counseling, and life skills assistance; and

**Whereas**, the goal of Leatherwood's Home for Children is to reunite children with their families and to see them continue to excel in the classroom once they have returned to their home environment; and

**Whereas**, Leatherwood's Home for Children also employs twelve Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) workers who serve in schools to help displaced children succeed in the academic environment through a project which has helped reduce truancy by eighty percent and disruptive classroom behavior by seventy-five percent:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exceptional, child-centered work performed so selflessly by Leatherwood's Home for Children and to convey to its owners, Donna Sanders and Michael Sanders, and all of their employees this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon their organization's receipt of a 25 Under 25 Award from the Kansas City Small Business Monthly; 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 Leatherwood's Home for Children in Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks  
 District No. 37

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. 464, adopted February 24, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker