

House Resolution No. 765

Whereas, Doris Handy of Fulton, 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, a Missouri native, Doris Handy spent twelve years on the six-person Callaway County Board of Jail Visitors, during which time she routinely visited the county jail to discuss living conditions and complaints of the inmates which she reported to Missouri's 13th Judicial Circuit Court, covering both Callaway and Boone counties; and

Whereas, Doris Handy takes comfort in the knowledge that she made a significant difference in the life of Missouri inmates and that the information she acquired from visiting the jail every three months helped the court to see how the correctional facility was being run; and

Whereas, Doris Handy has spent roughly the last sixteen years in Fulton working as a reserve disaster-assistance employee for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where her responsibilities have led her to cities throughout the country, including Corpus Christi, Texas, from which she recently returned after a month of assisting victims of natural disasters; and

Whereas, Doris Handy is the former director of the CAN program at SERVE, Inc., and house mother at William Woods University who greatly enjoys staying active in the Fulton community by visiting local schools where she conducts programs on African-American history and Kwanza; and

Whereas, Doris Handy has completed her third book of family history entitled "Full Circle", which she looks forward to sharing with her children and grandchildren:

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 heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Doris Handy 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 Doris Handy.

Offered by _____
 Representative Marilyn Ruestman
 District No. 131

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. 765, adopted March 10, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker