

## House Resolution No. 1028

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State media organizations which are dedicated to meeting the needs of local communities and neighborhoods in the broadcast area in which they serve; and

**Whereas**, KOMU-TV8 in Columbia, Missouri, is a television station which has successfully pursued a number of interrelated objectives in its fifty-year-long mission as a public utility; and

**Whereas**, on December 21, 1953, KOMU-TV8 broadcast its signal for the first time, and fifty years later it is a full-power NBC Affiliate providing coverage for 150,000 area families and operating as the only university-owned, independent, commercial television station in the United States; and

**Whereas**, KOMU-TV8 alumni who have graduated to national prominence include John Ferrugia of CBS's West 57th; Elizabeth Vargas of ABC's Good Morning America; Jon Scott, an NBC Dateline correspondent; Mark Potter, an ABC correspondent; Eric Engberg, a CBS correspondent; and Bob Priddy, Missouri News Director; and

**Whereas**, in addition to providing exceptional programming for its viewing audience, KOMU-TV8 supports several community activities dedicated to bringing the news to everyone and to encouraging the growth of journalism students at the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

**Whereas**, of particular note is KOMU-TV8's outstanding support of such local organizations as Advent Enterprises, Food for Families, United Way, Rainbow House, Children's Miracle Network Telethons, the Salvation Army, Voluntary Action Center Toy Tree, and Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

**Whereas**, KOMU-TV8 has been the proud recipient of Missouri Broadcaster Association awards as well as national honors in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation student journalism competition:

**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 community service contributions so freely given by KOMU-TV8, its management, and staff, and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartfelt commendation of the station's fifty years of community involvement; 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 KOMU-TV8 in Columbia, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Steve Hobbs  
District No. 21

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. 1028, adopted March 20, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker