

House Resolution No. 1041

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those citizens who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to freedom, democracy, and the public good through their inestimable contributions to the various branches of the United States military; and

Whereas, Rafael Rodriguez of Neosho, Missouri, is a veteran of the United States Army whose achievements include not only his years of service during the early 1950s, but also his raising a family, the subsequent generations of which have felt the same call to patriotic service; and

Whereas, a former soldier stationed at Camp Crowder in Neosho, Rafael Rodriguez has a son, a daughter, and two grandsons who are current members of the military; and

Whereas, twenty-two years ago daughter Elizabeth Rodriguez-Walker joined the United States Air Force, for which she is now in the Air Force Reserves, stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida, and temporarily deployed to Kuwait; and

Whereas, in the United States Army for twenty-two years, son Daniel fought in the first Gulf War during Desert Storm, passed up the opportunity to retire, and is now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri with orders for a transfer to Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, grandsons Ethan, 21, and Christopher "Adam", 19, both enlisted in the United States Air Force prior to the September 11, 2001, attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, Ethan is deployed to Saudi Arabia, while Adam is stationed at Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Nevada; and

Whereas, Rafael Rodriguez and his beloved wife, Nettie, have a total of nine children, twenty grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the Rodriguez family members for loyal commitment to duty in answering their country's call and to commend with deepest gratitude Rafael and Nettie Rodriguez for the important values of patriotism and citizenship which they instilled in their loved ones as parents and grandparents fully aware of the risks and sacrifices that are so often necessary to secure freedom and to guarantee safety in the name of democracy; 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 the Rafael Rodriguez family of Neosho, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson
District No. 130

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. 1041, adopted March 25, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker