

## House Resolution No. 1083

**Whereas**, on Saturday, March 29, 2003, at St. Raymond's Hall (The Cedars), the St. Louis Chapter of UNICO National will bestow the title of Honorary Italian on Eugene Slay, an area native who attended McKinley High School, where he was the 1944 Missouri State Champion in wrestling and excelled in football, baseball, and track; earned football and wrestling scholarships to Saint Louis University; and patriotically served in the 7th Division of the United States Army from 1945 to 1947 with duty in Korea and Japan; and

**Whereas**, Gene Slay joined his father's local drayage company after the end of his military service and is now the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Slay Industries which has grown into a diversified, asset-based, multi-modal distribution service company that provides warehousing, packaging, bulk terminals, bulk truck transportation, inter-modal transfers, and logistical services to a wide variety of industries throughout the United States; and

**Whereas**, known as a sensitive and compassionate individual, Gene Slay has made significant financial and leadership contributions to such worthwhile organizations as Boys' Club, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, St. Raymond's Maronite Catholic Church, St. Louis Zoo, Variety Club of St. Louis, St. Louis Ambassadors, Christian Brothers High School, and others; and

**Whereas**, Gene Slay married the former Joan Schadlbauer in 1952, and is the proud father of seven children and devoted grandfather of twelve; and

**Whereas**, UNICO National derives its name from the Italian for "only one of its kind" with each of its letters standing for the intrinsically valuable characteristics of Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity; and

**Whereas**, founded in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1922 and composed of those of Italian descent or their spouses, UNICO National provides scholarships to worthy students, promotes Italian Study Chairs, observes Columbus Day, and participates in charitable activities in keeping with its motto of "Service Above Self":

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary career, outstanding community spirit, and impressive life of Eugene Slay and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon his selection as an Honorary Italian by the St. Louis Chapter of UNICO National; 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 to recognize Honorary Italian Eugene Slay of Slay Industries.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Fred Kratky  
District No. 65

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. 1083, adopted March 27, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker