

House Resolution No. 1303

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State enterprises which are devoted to excellent service and cooperative customer ownership; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company of Hurdland, Missouri, is a modern telecommunications company which was founded on March 26, 1953, as a nonprofit organization under the General and Business Corporation Act of Missouri; and

Whereas, now celebrating the Golden Anniversary of its establishment, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company began with the joining of several small telephone companies and cooperatives which were located primarily in Adair, Knox, and Shelby counties; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company subsequently grew to include subscribers in Lewis, Clark, Macon, and Marion counties in a successful effort to improve efficiency through economies of scale; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company enjoys distinction as one of the inaugural members of the Nation Telephone Cooperative Association which formed in 1955 as a national trade organization to educate members about the Rural Electrification Administration Loan Program; and

Whereas, today's Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company provides its members with local, long distance, and Internet access services in such northeast Missouri communities as Baring, Bethel, Brashear, Colony, Durham, Emden, Emerson, Ewing, Fairmont, Greensburg, Greentop, Hurdland, Knox City, Leonard, Maywood, Newark, Novelty, Philadelphia, Plevna, Steffenville, Warren, Williamstown, Wilmathsville, and Wyaconda; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company ensures the highest level of service through a cooperative-wide local calling area, fiber optic cable, and the latest custom calling features, and through its providing Interactive Video for Distance Learning Services to seven area schools:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of service provided by Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company down through the years to its expanding base of customers and to convey to all of its cooperative members, employees, and managers this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of their outstanding telecommunications company; 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 Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company of Hurdland, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

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. 1303, adopted April 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker