

House Resolution No. 2095

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have admirably committed themselves to the highest standards of conduct and performance in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Ann Carter Stith of St. Louis, Missouri, has attained distinction as a civic volunteer and an activist and leader within the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, Ann Stith started a career as a reporter for the St. Louis Star Times covering police headquarters in 1942; and

Whereas, a short time later Ann Stith was called to serve on an appellate jury and then on two consecutive grand juries which opened her eyes to numerous problems in the criminal justice system and compelled her to work for change; and

Whereas, in 1966 Ann Stith initiated a successful campaign which resulted in the passage of a bond issue to finance a new St. Louis County jail to house minor offenders and those awaiting trial; and

Whereas, Ann Stith then turned her attention to the establishment of the Missouri Coalition for Alternative to Imprisonment and to the ever-important work of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Missouri Department of Corrections, the Family Support Network, Springboard to Learning, the Desegregation Monitoring Committee of the City of St. Louis, and the 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals Judicial Commission which would nominate Judge Theodore McMillian as the first African-American to serve on the 8th Circuit bench; and

Whereas, along the way down life's journey, Ann Stith also served as a Democratic Committeewoman for Hadley Township and as a delegate to the 1976 Democratic Convention:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Ann Stith for the 2003 Daily Record Citizenship Award and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and professional accomplishments in the years to come; 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 Ann Carter Stith of St. Louis.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

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. 2095, adopted April 23, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker