

House Resolution No.2301

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those educational institutions and non-profit organizations which are active participants in diverse Show-Me State opportunities; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, the President of DePaul University of Chicago, Illinois, and the Board of Directors of Global Resources for Education, the Environment, and Nature (GREEN) will gather in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, to celebrate a rare, momentous event in the history of this state; and

Whereas, on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the signing of the Louisiana Purchase Treaty, DePaul University and GREEN will embark on an ambitious joint venture that has been made possible by the acquisition of the Old Louisiana Academy from Judy McGee and Keith Kinkade; and

Whereas, constructed in 1808 during the far-reaching and visionary administration of President Thomas Jefferson, the Old Louisiana Academy was the first school established by the United States in the territory of the Louisiana Purchase which doubled the size of the country extant at that time and helped prevent the establishment of a major, possibly opposing government on its western boundary; and

Whereas, DePaul University was founded nearly one century later in 1898 in Chicago, Illinois; and

Whereas, DePaul University's partner in the future of the Old Louisiana Academy is the Global Resources for Education, the Environment, and Nature (GREEN), a nonprofit organization whose primary mission is preservation through education; and

Whereas, the donation of the Old Louisiana Academy during this Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase marks an auspicious continuation of the Jeffersonian Democracy vision which led to the incorporation of the area into the young United States and its fulfillment as a land of promise, freedom, and unparalleled natural resources:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the acquisition of the historic Old Louisiana Academy in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, by DePaul University and GREEN and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations and our best wishes for every success in their endeavors; 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 collaborative work of DePaul University and Global Resources for Education, the Environment, and Nature.

Offered by _____
Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

Representative Wes Wagner
District No. 104

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. 2301, adopted April 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker