

## House Resolution No. 2521

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge notable events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have garnered exceptional reputations for the quality of their diverse endeavors; and

**Whereas**, Emil E. Klecka of St. Louis, Missouri, has attained distinction through his selection for the Legionnaire of the Year Award from the American Legion's 11th/12th District of the Department of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, a member of Saint Joseph Memorial Post 525 for the past thirty-four years, Emil Klecka served that patriotic group as Commander in 1989; and

**Whereas**, Emil Klecka has provided leadership to the American Legion in numerous positions at the state and national level, including the elective office of St. Louis District Commander in 1996; and

**Whereas**, other esteemed veterans associations with which Emil Klecka has allied himself down through the years are Voiture Locale 38 of the 40 and 8 Society, VFW Post 877, St. Louis Past Commanders Club, Locos Club of America, War Veterans Club of Missouri, and Past District Commanders Club of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, born and raised in south St. Louis, Emil Klecka attended Sigel Elementary and McKinley High School before serving his country in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970 during the Vietnam War; training at Fort Gordon, Georgia; and rising to the rank of E-4 in the military police; and

**Whereas**, employed by Berberich Delivery Service for fifteen years until his retirement, Emil Klecka has been married to his beloved Dee for twenty-eight years; and

**Whereas**, Emil Klecka will receive the Legionnaire of the Year Award on Friday, May 16, 2003, at the world headquarters of Anheuser-Busch Corporation in St. Louis:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute military veteran Emil Klecka and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon his selection as Legionnaire of the Year by the 11th/12th District, Department of Missouri, American Legion organization, and our best wishes for continued success for many more 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 in honor of Emil E. Klecka of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Thomas A. Villa  
District No. 108

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. 2521, adopted May 6, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker