

House Resolution No. 2541

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Honorable Grace M. Nichols, an esteemed resident of St. Charles, Missouri, who will receive the prestigious Athena Award from the Athena Leadership Foundation of St. Charles County during a special awards luncheon to be held May 9, 2003, at The Columns Banquet Center in St. Charles; and

Whereas, Judge Nichols has distinguished herself as an attorney at law since 1981, and served as a Circuit Judge from 1997 to 1998 before accepting the role of Senior Judge in 1998; and

Whereas, Judge Nichols has compiled an enviable list of service to the St. Charles community as a member of the St. Charles City Council from 1975 to 1981 and as Mayor from 1987 to 1995, during which time she worked to appoint many women to numerous boards and commissions; and

Whereas, the first woman Mayor of the City of St. Charles and president of the St. Charles County Bar Association, Judge Nichols is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, the Golden Age Express transportation system, the Jaycee Fairground Village, League of Women Voters, Youth in Need, FISH, United Way, MOsaics Arts Festival, Missouri Municipal League, the Foundary Art Center, and the St. Charles County Charter Commission; and

Whereas, a remarkable woman with a lifelong commitment to inspiring women to run for office and become leaders of their communities, Judge Nichols has been instrumental in the success of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, where her leadership positions have included serving as president in 2002 and as secretary/treasurer and member of the board; and

Whereas, a devout member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Judge Nichols has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, John; her three sons, Michael, Scott, and John; and her three grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Judge Nichols upon her most worthy receipt of the prestigious Athena Award; 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 the Honorable Grace M. Nichols.

Offered by _____
 Representative Tom Dempsey
 District No. 18

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. 2541, May 6, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker