

House Resolution No. 2600

Whereas, upon occasion the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize outstanding individuals whose achievements have earned them the trust, admiration, and respect of many; and

Whereas, the Reverend Don Covington, pastor of St. Clair United Methodist Church, has enjoyed the honor and distinction of being chosen Spiritual Leader of the Year 2002, a most impressive accolade presented to him by the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the Reverend Don Covington has been a minister for thirty-seven years, during which time he has touched the lives of countless others by leading worship services, teaching Sunday school, and helping people throughout the Franklin County community; and

Whereas, the Reverend Don Covington has served as Chairman and Welfare Secretary for the Salvation Army for the past four years, during which time bell ringing campaign contributions have grown from \$1,600 to \$5,100 for needy families in St. Clair; and

Whereas, the Reverend Don Covington is Coordinator of the Interfaith Crisis Fund, an organization which works with families suffering from personal disasters and provides funds for emergency housing, clothing, etc.; and

Whereas, the Reverend Don Covington serves as Chaplain for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, where he counsels law enforcement officers and their families and works with the families in crisis because of suicide, auto accidents, and homicides; and

Whereas, a member of both the Domestic Violence Task Force and the Family Violence Task Force, the Reverend Don Covington volunteers with Project ALIVE which provides transportation for domestic violence victims to shelters, safe houses, and court; and

Whereas, the Reverend Don Covington has also provided valuable leadership in his role as President of the St. Clair Ministerial Alliance and as Vice President of the St. Clair Rotary Club:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to the Reverend Don Covington upon his well-deserved selection to receive the Spiritual Leader of the Year Award and in wishing him only the best in all future 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 for the Reverend Don Covington, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

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. 2600, adopted May 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker