

House Resolution No.

Whereas, on July 11, 2003, the families and friends of William P. “Bill” Hopfinger and Gene Gieselmann, both residents of St. Louis County, Missouri, will celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the opening of their first office; and

Whereas, Bill Hopfinger and Gene Gieselmann opened a small, out-patient physical therapy facility on Hampton Avenue in South St. Louis City on July 15, 1978, with Bill’s mother serving as their first secretary; and

Whereas, Bill Hopfinger and Gene Gieselmann wanted to combine traditional physical therapy and athletic training techniques in an out-patient setting, an endeavor which had never been attempted in the St. Louis area; and

Whereas, since its inception, the St. Louis Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Network has grown to include a network of 11 physical therapy clinics, 8 hand therapy clinics, and a home health agency with more than 170 employees, and has become the oldest and largest independent provider of out-patient rehabilitative services in the St. Louis metropolitan area; and

Whereas, a true pioneer in sports medicine in St. Louis, Bill Hopfinger currently serves as President of the St. Louis Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Network; and

Whereas, a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Physical Therapy, Bill Hopfinger is exceedingly proud of his active affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri Physical Therapy Association; and

Whereas, Bill Hopfinger is the former Head Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist for Saint Louis University and numerous professional soccer teams, including the original St. Louis Steamers; and

Whereas, Bill Hopfinger has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Mary, and his two beautiful daughters, Amy and Carolyn:

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 Bill Hopfinger as he proudly celebrates twenty-five years of unparalleled service to sports medicine and to the St. Louis community; 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 William P. Hopfinger, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Avery
District No. 95

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. _____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker