

House Resolution No. 3981

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, who has distinguished herself as the proud recipient of The Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis 2003 President's Award of Honor; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Rhodes Russell has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to her role as an Appellate Judge with the Missouri Court of Appeals-Eastern District in St. Louis, Missouri, a position of tremendous responsibility to which she was appointed in May 1995, and for which she was retained November 5, 1996; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Rhodes Russell is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the Kirkwood Rotary Club, Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, P.E.O., Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis, Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, Grace Episcopal Church, and the Missouri, Illinois, 10th Judicial Circuit, and Metropolitan St. Louis Bar associations; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Rhodes Russell is a former member of the Missouri Lawyers Trust Account Foundation and the University of Missouri Law School Foundation, president of the Truman State University Board of Governors and the Hannibal Chamber of Commerce, and board member of the Missouri Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, and the state councils on Job Training and Women's Economic Development; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Rhodes Russell is the worthy recipient of countless awards and accolades including the Henry Toll Fellowship, the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School Citation of Merit, and the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Equal Justice Award; and

Whereas, a Missouri native who was previously engaged in the private practice of law in Hannibal, Judge Mary Rhodes Russell received her education from Northeast Missouri State University (Truman State University) and the University of Missouri-Columbia, following which she served as a law clerk to the Honorable George Gunn, Missouri Supreme Court; and

Whereas, the loving wife of James L. Russell, Judge Mary Rhodes Russell continues to work towards the advancement of women in the legal profession while encouraging their participation in public service:

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 Mary Rhodes Russell upon her receipt of the prestigious 2003 Women Lawyers' Association President's Award of Honor; 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 Mary Rhodes Russell, as a mark of our great esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly, No. 73

Representative Rachel Bringer, No. 6

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. 3981, adopted September 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker