

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have made exemplary contributions to their local communities and neighborhoods through a wide variety of service venues; and

**Whereas**, Connie Tutera Mendolia of Kansas City will be the guest of honor at the October 12, 2003, Columbus Day Celebration annual gala which will be sponsored by the American Sons of Columbus at the Marriott-Downtown Hotel; and

**Whereas**, known as a true business and civic leader, Connie Mendolia was born to Lucille and Dr. Dominic Tutera in 1959, attended Notre Dame de Sion Lower School and The Barstow School, and graduated in 1982 from William Woods College in Fulton with a Bachelor of Arts degree in home economics and early childhood development and with membership in Alpha Chi Omega Sorority; and

**Whereas**, Connie Mendolia returned to her family's Central Bank after college graduation to rise to the position of vice president and to begin what would become a continuous record of community involvement; and

**Whereas**, presented at the Belle of the American Royal (BOTAR) Ball in 1982, Connie Mendolia also became known for her work with the Kansas City Junior League, the Spofford Home, the American Royal Association and its Student Ambassador Program, American Royal Bar-be-cue, American Royal Parade, and Concert for Champions, the March of Dimes, the Shakespeare Festival, Kansas City Ballet, St. Paul's Episcopal Day School, De La Salle, Holy Rosary Church, the Children's SPOT at St. Luke's Hospital, and the Once Upon a Time benefit; and

**Whereas**, the former Connie Tutera married her beloved Anthony Mendolia in April 1987, after which time she became the loving mother of Anthony Michael and Cirese Josephine:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Connie Mendolia as "Columbiana" of the Year by the American Sons of Columbus and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as she is feted at the annual Columbus Day Celebration gala on October 12, 2003; 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 Connie Tutera Mendolia of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative John Burnett  
 District No. 40

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. 4067, adopted September 16, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker