

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge a milestone event in the history of one of the Show-Me State's most illustrious organizations, the Missouri Athletic Club of St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, on September 20, 2003, the Missouri Athletic Club will celebrate its one hundred years of existence through a formal Centennial Gala Ball which will include dinner, gifts for all attendees, and dancing to the music of Rich Lauenstein and his Orchestra; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Athletic Club first opened its doors on September 19, 1903, when St. Louis was the fourth largest urban area in the country and was proudly gearing up to host the Olympic Games and the World's Fair; and

**Whereas**, whether known as the St. Louis Athletic Club or the Missouri Athletic Association, the Missouri Athletic Club has always been centered around such sporting facilities as a swimming pool, gymnasium, billiards room, and bowling alley, and its members have served as officials and competitors in biannual Olympic, regional Amateur Athletic Union, and amateur boxing events; and

**Whereas**, after a fire tragically destroyed the original structure, the Missouri Athletic Club reopened in even more expansive facilities on March 1, 1916; enjoyed increasing enrollment; and added a victory banquet to honor its champions and outstanding athletes; and

**Whereas**, today's Missouri Athletic Club includes athletic, social, and premier dining opportunities with the main clubhouse remaining in the heart of the downtown area and a second clubhouse located at the site of the former Town and Country Racquet Club in the suburbs:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history and impressive community contributions associated with the Missouri Athletic Club and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the One Hundredth Anniversary of their organization's founding and our best wishes for many more years of success to come; 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 presentation to the Missouri Athletic Club of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway  
District No. 87

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. 4127, adopted September 18, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker