

House Resolution No. 4264

Whereas, the Brothers of the Academy Institute (BOTA) will present the 2003 Think Tank Conference entitled “Deconstruct to Reconstruct” October 1-4, 2003, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown located in Kansas City, Missouri; and

Whereas, BOTA is a proactive group of African-American male scholars who are seeking to produce and nurture scholarship through collaborative means; and

Whereas, the mission of BOTA, a not-for-profit entity established as part of the College of Education at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, is to produce collaborative interdisciplinary scholarship, research, and publications for the purposes of African-American community vitalization; and

Whereas, BOTA has over 150 members from over fifty higher education and governmental institutions in the United States; over seventy-five percent of its membership has terminal degrees in over twenty-five fields of study in the areas of social science, medicine, law, and education; and thirty-five percent of its members are assistant professors, twenty-five percent are in administration, twenty-five percent are in graduate school, ten percent are associate and above-level faculty, and five percent are retired faculty who serve as elders; and

Whereas, the BOTA Think Tank is a bold endeavor to recreate the scholar-activism in the tradition of W.E.B. DuBois, Ella Baker, and Carter G. Woodson, just to name a few; and

Whereas, the Think Tank will link a national body of African-American scholars with the African-American community by focusing its collective genius on addressing issues and questions relevant to the African-American community:

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 and best wishes to the Brothers of the Academy as it hosts the 2003 Think Tank Conference; 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 Brothers of the Academy Institute.

Offered by _____
Representative Craig Bland
District No. 43

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. 4264, adopted September 25, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker