

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Community Hospices of America (CHA) in Springfield, Missouri, which will receive the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Salute to Health Care Award during the organization's banquet to be held October 14, 2003; and

**Whereas**, the first hospice to provide end of life care to Springfield area residents, CHA has proven its longevity through twenty-three years of dedicated hospice service to the citizenry of Greene County; and

**Whereas**, over the course of the past year, CHA has received nationwide attention for its invention of the Personal Evaluation Tool (P.E.T.), a revolutionary, hand-held device that allows patients to directly record and report their current health status to the professional care providers through a variety of avenues; and

**Whereas**, P.E.T. was featured on the CBS Early Show as one of the five most innovative new consumer products, and was awarded the top prize in the network's "Not So Crazy Ideas" consumer products contest; and

**Whereas**, Community Hospices of America is exceedingly proud of its affiliation with such important organizations as the American Heart Association, American Cancer Association, Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, Stained Glass Theatre, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society, just to name a few; and

**Whereas**, special words of commendation go out to CHA owners R. Williams, R. Levell, and J. Sherwood, all of whom have played an integral role in the overwhelming success of the CHA since its inception; and

**Whereas**, CHA remains dedicated to its mission to provide the highest quality of hospice care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay for those services:

**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 Community Hospices of America upon its most worthy receipt of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Salute to Health Care Award; 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 Community Hospices of America in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Roy W. Holand  
District No. 135

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. 4274, adopted September 29, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker