

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which have developed and maintained exemplary reputations for work in the ever-important field of mental health; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Area Counseling Center is a private, not-for-profit community health center which has served the citizens of northeast Missouri since February 1, 1975; and

Whereas, originally funded through federal grant dollars, Mark Twain Area Counseling Center first opened in Hannibal before establishing a full-time office in Kirksville with satellite offices in Macon and Memphis; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Area Counseling Center is governed by a volunteer board of directors whose members are drawn from throughout the nine-county service area composed of Schulyer, Scotland, Clark, Adair, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Shelby, and Marion counties; and

Whereas, a beneficiary of the Community Mental Health Center movement which began forty years ago during the Kennedy presidential administration, Mark Twain Area Counseling Center had its funding focus changed in 1981 when contracts were established with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, since which time the organization has served as the Administrative Agent for the Department of Mental Health in Service Area 14; and

Whereas, today's Mark Twain Area Counseling Center offers a variety of behavioral health services for children, adults, and families who are experiencing difficulties with life issues, including a Community Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program for individuals experiencing severe, disabling mental illness; children's behavioral health services available in the home, school, and office setting; a 24-hour crisis intervention system with mobile response capability; intensive in-home service for families coping with a seriously emotionally disturbed child; and office hours available for psychiatric evaluation, medication services, and education programs:

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 mental health accomplishments of the Mark Twain Area Counseling Center and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations on this, the Fortieth Anniversary of the Community Mental Health Center movement, and our best wishes for continued success for many more years 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 the Mark Twain Area Counseling Center.

Offered by _____

Representative Robert J. Behnen
District No. 2

Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

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. 4342, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker