

House Resolution No. 193

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in welcoming to the Show-Me State capitol those visitors who illustrate the highest standards and goals of post-secondary education; and

Whereas, on January 28, 2004, students and program executives from the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships (CASS) at Saint Louis Community College will tour the Missouri capitol and observe the proceedings and activities which take place there; and

Whereas, initiated by Congress, Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships assists our government's efforts abroad to strengthen an understanding of the United States and our society, bolster fledgling democracies and free market economies, and build a well-educated middle class which is capable of providing the leadership in civic society that is critical to sustaining economic and political progress in nations facing tremendous challenges; and

Whereas, Saint Louis Community College is one of only twenty higher education institutions in the United States which currently provide Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships training to disadvantaged students from the Caribbean and Central America regions of our hemisphere; and

Whereas, Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships programming targets societal groups that historically have been overlooked in many educational traditions, including women, ethnic minorities, the rural poor, and individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, with ninety percent of its financial resources spent in the United States, the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships has established an impressive record of accomplishment that includes ninety-eight percent of its alumni returning to their countries of origin and nearly one hundred percent entering the workplace in their homelands or continuing their higher education for the benefit of their local communities and neighborhoods:

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, ongoing legacy of achievement garnered by the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships and the international students which it has sponsored at American colleges and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of the vision and funding provided by Saint Louis Community College in implementing this ever-important program; 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 the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships program at Saint Louis Community College.

Offered by _____
Representative Juanita Head Walton
District No. 81

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 193, adopted January 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker