

House Resolution No. 123

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize country music legend George Strait, who will perform at the Savvis Center in St. Louis on January 23, 2004; and

Whereas, a native of Pearsall, Texas, George Strait got hooked on country music while dutifully serving his country in the United States Army, following which he returned to Texas and formed his Ace in the Hole Band, playing to large crowds that enjoyed the Texas dance hall music; and

Whereas, following the release of his first MCA single, “Unwound”, in 1981, George Strait was named Billboard Magazine’s New Male Artist of the Year and ultimately became the top male artist of the entire decade, distinguishing himself as the County Music Association’s Male Vocalist of the Year and the Academy of Country Music’s Male Vocalist of the Year; and

Whereas, George Strait boasts a long list of accolades which includes the 1989 CMA Entertainer of the Year award, 1996 ACM Male Vocalist of the Year award, 1996 and 1997 ACM Album of the Year awards, and the 1997 ACM Top Male Vocalist award; and

Whereas, in 1992, George Strait broadened his career by starring in the film Pure Country, the soundtrack of which became his biggest selling album; and

Whereas, since beginning his career in country music, George Strait has sold 57 million records, has played to crowds in excess of 125,000 people, and has set records for ticket sales to his live performances, setting a personal best in 1996 for selling more than 33,000 tickets for three shows in Phoenix in less than two hours; and

Whereas, a generous supporter of several charitable organizations, George Strait received the Academy of Country Music Gene Weed Award in honor of his record-breaking fifty number one singles during the 38th Academy of Country Music Awards Show held May 21, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending a robust and hearty welcome to George Strait and to the Ace in the Hole Band upon their visit to the City of St. Louis, and further extend to them our very best wishes for continued success in the new millennium; 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 country music legend George Strait, as a mark of our great esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark Wright, #137

Representative James W. Lembke, #85

Representative Charles R. Portwood, #92

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. 123, adopted January 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker