

## House Resolution No. 495

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as an invaluable component of the Jackson County workforce for half a century; and

**Whereas**, Bernice McNeill of Kansas City, Missouri, is to be commended for the contributions she has made to the overall success of Alphapointe Association for the Blind during her fifty years of stellar employment; and

**Whereas**, Bernice McNeill boasts the longest employment record of any employee in the history of Alphapointe Association for the Blind, which provides employment opportunities to visually impaired and disabled individuals; and

**Whereas**, Bernice McNeill joined Alphapointe on January 1, 1954, since which time she has helped produce a variety of much-needed items including doormats, pocket combs, pens, and sanitation kits; and

**Whereas**, while working at Alphapointe, Bernice met and married her beloved Lloyd McNeill, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world in 1993; and

**Whereas**, Bernice McNeill was recognized for her fifty years of service to Alphapointe Association for the Blind at a special reception in her honor, during which she was congratulated by friends, colleagues, and Alphapointe President and Chief Executive Officer Tom Healy, who presented her with a commemorative plaque and a check for \$1,000; and

**Whereas**, now seventy-three years young, Bernice McNeill faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, enjoying her work and assisting her colleagues any way she can:

**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 and robust congratulations to Bernice McNeill as she proudly celebrates fifty years of unparalleled service to Alphapointe Association for the Blind, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who know and love her; 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 Bernice McNeill, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Vicki A. Walker  
District No. 50

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. 495, adopted February 11, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker