

House Resolution No. 398

Whereas, Suzanne Joyce, James Joyce, and Andrea Johnson have attained considerable distinction as co-owners of TechGuard Security, LLC, in Chesterfield, Missouri; and

Whereas, Suzanne Joyce, James Joyce, and Andrea Johnson will enhance their already considerable record of achievement on February 9, 2004, when they receive a Celebration of Excellence 2004 Business Award from the Missouri Small Business Development Centers for their entrepreneurial leadership of family owned-and-operated TechGuard Security, LLC; and

Whereas, TechGuard Security offers computer security and artificial intelligence/neural net firewall development; and

Whereas, today's TechGuard Security employs approximately twenty people who have served the nation through the Computer Network Defense Contract to block sensitive government systems from cyber attack and who have donated thousands of volunteer hours to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's InfraGard program; and

Whereas, when the events of September 11, 2001, shut off their revenue stream after only seven months in operation, Suzanne Joyce, James Joyce, and Andrea Johnson received assistance in writing a successful loan application from Greg Tucker of the Small Business Development Center in Saint Louis and Wayne Harvey of the Missouri-Federal and State Technology Assistance (Mo-FAST) program; and

Whereas, when TechGuard received an NIST/ATP grant, it became one of only four Missouri companies and one of only forty-four companies nationwide to attain success from the field of 463 applicants:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Suzanne Joyce, James Joyce, and Andrea Johnson for a Celebration of Excellence 2004 Business Award from the Missouri Small Business Development Centers and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued success as the co-owners of TechGuard Security, LLC; 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 Suzanne Joyce, James Joyce, and Andrea Johnson of Chesterfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Allen Icet
 District No. 84

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. 398, adopted February 4, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker