

House Resolution No. 562

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge momentous occasions in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have dedicated themselves to furthering the goals and practices of democratic government through their unparalleled contributions of time, energy, and vision; and

Whereas, Francis R. Slay and Sharon Quigley Carpenter of Saint Louis, Missouri, will be honored at a reception on February 12, 2004, in light of their forty-year-long partnership in heading the 23rd Ward Democratic Committee; and

Whereas, during their four decades of shared leadership, Francis Slay and Sharon Carpenter have developed and maintained exceptional reputations for bringing the community together, supporting the redevelopment of the area, and focusing on ever-important children's issues; and

Whereas, Sharon Carpenter is the Recorder of Deeds for the city of Saint Louis and a member of the Recorders Association of Missouri, National Property Records Industry Joint Task Force, and the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers; and

Whereas, Francis Slay is a former State Representative from the 64th District who was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1966, and was Recorder of Deeds for the City of St. Louis; and

Whereas, Sharon Carpenter is the beloved wife of Robert J. Carpenter, Jr.; loving mother of three children; and wonderful grandmother of two; and

Whereas, Francis Slay joyfully took as his spouse the former Ann Sobocinski on October 6, 1951, in a loving relationship which has been blessed with eleven children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the forty-year-long partnership of Francis Slay and Sharon Carpenter in the activities of the 23rd Ward Democratic Committee and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their stellar leadership accomplishments and our best wishes for continued personal and professional 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 in honor of Francis R. Slay and Sharon Quigley Carpenter of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Fred Kratky
District No. 65

Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

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. 562, adopted February 12, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker