

House Resolution No. 732

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have dedicated a substantial amount of their time and energy to serving others in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Marge Parrish has attained considerable distinction in Saint Charles County and its environs for her work in assisting individuals who struggle to overcome the effects of mental illness and in helping families that cope with members who struggle daily with various forms of mental disease; and

Whereas, Marge Parrish will be recognized as Mental Health Advocate of the Year on Saturday, February 28, 2004, by Wentzville's Crider Center for Mental Health at its "Heroes for Mental Health" event which will take place at The Columns Banquet Center in Saint Charles; and

Whereas, each year the Crider Center for Mental Health hosts a program to honor people such as Marge Parrish and organizations involved in enhancing the mental health of Saint Charles County residents; and

Whereas, Marge Parrish now works with the Mental Health Association of Greater Saint Louis after having been associated for several years with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Saint Louis, a stellar organization which she served sequentially as a volunteer, paid staffer, and Executive Director; and

Whereas, sought out locally, regionally, and statewide for her no-nonsense approach to mental health advocacy, Marge Parrish helped to establish training protocols for the Saint Louis Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team, to found mental health courts in Saint Louis City and County, and to direct the process of establishing county community health boards during the 1990s:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the visionary work of Marge Parrish on behalf of those dealing with mental health issues and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon receiving Mental Health Advocate of the Year recognition from the Crider Center for Mental Health in Wentzville, Missouri; 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 Marge Parrish.

Offered by Representative Scott T. Rupp, #13
 Representative Sherman Parker, #12
 Representative Joe Smith, #14
 Representative Thomas S. Green, #15
 Representative Carl Bearden, #16
 Representative Vicki A. Schneider, #17
 Representative Tom Dempsey, #18
 Representative Cynthia Davis, #19
 Representative Kevin Threlkeld, #109

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. 732, adopted February 24, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker

