

House Resolution No. 675

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably helped guide local celebrations and observances which lend considerable color and festiveness to communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Tim Lorson is Director of the Mardi Gras, Incorporated, an organization devoted to planning and carrying out Saint Louis Mardi Gras events which occur annually to usher in the Lenten religious season; and

Whereas, the centerpiece of Tim Lorson's activities with Saint Louis Mardi Gras is the Grand Parade which is now in its Twenty-fifth Year as an eclectic collection of floats and walking performers followed by throngs of revelers; and

Whereas, to be held this year on Saturday, February 21, 2004, the Grand Parade will wend its way through the venerable Soulard neighborhood of Saint Louis which is famous for its century-old Victorian-era homes, many of which have been renovated and refurbished since the 1970s to meet modern needs; and

Whereas, Grand Parade participants and viewers often close out Mardi Gras activities by partaking in the numerous gustatory and imbibing establishments lending vibrancy and vitality to the Soulard neighborhood that is listed as a City of Saint Louis Historic District and on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, Soulard's mid-nineteenth century mix of German and Irish families was subsequently supplemented by Bohemians, Slovaks, Croatians, Lebanese, and other immigrants who created an interesting economic and social mixture whose traces survive in the extant residential and commercial structures of the area and which are reflected by the socially and economically diverse residents of today who participate in the Grand Parade of Saint Louis Mardi Gras:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the splendid, twenty-five-year-long history of Saint Louis Mardi Gras celebrations and to convey to Director Tim Lorson and his Mardi Gras, Incorporated colleagues this legislative body's heartiest 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 for Director Tim Lorson of Mardi Gras, Incorporated, in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Russ Carnahan
 District No. 59

 Representative Robin Wright Jones
 District No. 63

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. 675, adopted February 19, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker