

House Resolution No. 811

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought new meaning to the role of "mother"; and

Whereas, Malinda Mae Beachum Darter, an esteemed resident of New Madrid, Missouri, has distinguished herself as the Missouri Mother of the Year; and

Whereas, Malinda Darter came into this world in Poplar Bluff on November 24, 1956, as the tiny infant daughter born to William and Leona Beachum, and assumed the responsibility of caring for her siblings at the young age of ten; and

Whereas, on July 19, 1968, Malinda married her beloved James Darter, a kind and caring gentleman who has continually supported her in both her family and community endeavors; and

Whereas, Malinda Darter has compiled an enviable list of service to the New Madrid community through the important roles she has played as a Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, 4-H Committee and Project Leader, Catholic School Student Activities Transporter, Surrogate Parent Program Volunteer, Tour Guide and Volunteer for the Hunter Dawson State Historical Site, Sunday School Teacher, Foster Parent Volunteer with Regional Center, and member of the New Dawn State School PTO, New Madrid County Foster Parents Association, Area III Foster Parent Advisory Board, Child Death Review Committee, and the New Madrid Middle School Singers Choir Mom; and

Whereas, Malinda Darter has graciously opened her heart and her home to seventeen adopted children, who are a diverse mixture of race and special needs; and

Whereas, Malinda Darter has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of her devoted husband of thirty-five years, James Darter; her daughter, Teresia; and her three delightful grandchildren:

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 congratulations to Malinda Darter at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; 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 Missouri Mother of the Year, Malinda Mae Beachum Darter.

Offered by _____
Representative Lanie G. Black, III
District No. 161

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. 811, adopted February 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker