

House Resolution No. 793

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Mark Evans of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, who will receive the Missouri Preservation Osmund Overby Award for scholarly publications during an awards ceremony to be held March 3, 2004, in the Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol; and

Whereas, Missouri Preservation, known formally as the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation, is Missouri's only statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities throughout the state; and

Whereas, Mark Evans is the author of The Commandant's Last Ride, a carefully researched book that presents readers with a vivid picture of Ste. Genevieve as it was in 1849; and

Whereas, the book is a trip through time which focuses on the people who populated Ste. Genevieve in the mid-nineteenth century, their stories, and their homes and places of business as they were then and where they are today; and

Whereas, The Commandant's Last Ride is very readable and has become a popular introduction to the community for both natives and tourists, serving as a walking tour guide to help visitors "experience the history embodied in this place"; and

Whereas, Ste. Genevieve has been recognized at both the national and international levels as an extraordinary treasure because it has preserved a major portion of the buildings, streets, and the natural and cultural landscapes that represent its entire history:

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 Mark Evans at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his 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 Mark Evans, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jason G. Crowell
 Majority Floor Leader
 District No. 158

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. 793, adopted February 26, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker