

House Resolution No. 874

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Joe Edwards of University City, Missouri, who will receive the Missouri Preservation McReynolds Award 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, Joe Edwards and his wife, Linda, opened Blueberry Hill on Delmar Avenue in 1972, since which time the unique restaurant and music club has grown to become a St. Louis landmark with its pop culture memorabilia and rock and roll music; and

Whereas, by 1980, Joe Edwards had co-founded the Loop Special Business District in an effort to revitalize the struggling business district and established the Blueberry Hill Records to promote artists and founded a non-profit St. Louis Walk of Fame with commemorative stars in the sidewalk of the Loop recognizing significant St. Louisans; and

Whereas, Joe Edwards' first renovation project was the Tivoli Theatre Building in 1995, which was followed by projects including the construction of The Pageant Building, the renovation of several buildings on Delmar Avenue, and the conversion of a small, one-story building into a unique bowling alley and martini lounge called "The Pin-Up Bowl"; and

Whereas, the seven blocks of The Loop have extended past the arbitrary city/county boundary and across Skinker Boulevard to become the most exciting, vibrant, and interesting restaurant, shopping, arts, and entertainment district in metropolitan St. Louis due to the efforts of Joe Edwards:

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 Joe Edwards 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 Joe Edwards, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____

Representative Robert Hilgemann
District No. 64

Representative Yaphett El-Amin
District No. 57

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. 874, adopted March 2, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker