

## House Resolution No. 1080

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Louis P. Hamilton, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, who will officially retire from the Missouri Tourism Commission on March 31, 2004, after eight years of exceptional service and dedication; and

**Whereas**, Louis Hamilton was appointed to the Missouri Tourism Commission by Governor Mel Carnahan in 1996, since which time he has served in the positions of Vice Chairman and Chairman; and

**Whereas**, during his eight years with the Commission, Louis Hamilton has witnessed with pleasure as Missouri has become one of this country's most desired tourist destinations, ranking tenth in the nation for domestic person trips for leisure travel, according to a recent study by industry expert DK Shifflet; and

**Whereas**, under Louis Hamilton's leadership, the Commission has been successful in positioning the state through its advertising and marketing campaigns, and creating partnerships to promote important events such as the Missouri State Fair, the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the recent International Pow Wow travel conference in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, throughout his impressive tenure, Louis Hamilton worked with many officials to increase Missouri's tourism market share, domestic person trips, and tax revenues; and

**Whereas**, Louis Hamilton considers himself most fortunate to have been a part of the many dramatic and positive developments in Missouri's tourism industry; and

**Whereas**, Louis Hamilton has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Patricia Roland-Hamilton, and his three children, Joshua, Charlie, and Peter:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Louis Hamilton for his eight years of unparalleled service to the Missouri Tourism Commission and to the citizenry of the Show-Me State, 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 Louis P. Hamilton.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ryan McKenna  
District No. 102

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. 1080, adopted March 15, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker