

## House Resolution No. 1507

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the United Way of Southeast Missouri, which is commemorating the resplendent occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary in 2004; and

**Whereas**, formerly known as the Area Wide United Way, the United Way of Southeast Missouri strives to improve the lives of others by mobilizing the caring power of communities; and

**Whereas**, in 1953, the president of the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce recommended to the incoming president that a survey be conducted to see if it was feasible to establish a United Fund in Cape Girardeau; and

**Whereas**, in 1954, the survey results recommendation was that the community was ready and the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants Association, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce established a board of directors; and

**Whereas**, the first United Fund campaign was held in 1954, the funds from which were used for the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts of America program, the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., the American Heart Association, and Teen Town (Cape Girardeau Recreation Center); and

**Whereas**, the United Way of Cape Girardeau was adopted in 1970, which merged with the Jackson Community Chest and changed its name to the Area Wide United Way in 1984; and

**Whereas**, throughout its rich history, the United Way has served as the leader in uniting people and resources around health and human service issues to build a stronger and healthier community:

**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 and robust congratulations to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with the United Way of Southeast Missouri upon this very special anniversary event and in extending best wishes for future great success; 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 the United Way of Southeast Missouri.

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. 1507, adopted April 6, 2004.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker