

## House Resolution No. 1641

**Whereas**, the Missouri House of Representatives always welcomes the opportunity to acknowledge outstanding achievements and momentous occasions in the lives of its members who have dedicated their time and energy to public service on behalf of the citizens and institutions of the Show-Me State; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Betty L. Thompson, State Representative from the Seventy-second District, will be honored by her colleagues, friends, constituents, and other dignitaries on April 15, 2004, during “Betty Thompson Day” at the state capitol; and

**Whereas**, Representative Betty Thompson resides in University City where she is universally praised as an outstanding family woman noted for her love for her husband, Jack, and their children, Anthony, Tyrone, Sonja, and Kwame; and

**Whereas**, first elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in a special election which took place in August 1997, Representative Betty Thompson has been returned to office by the Saint Louis County electorate in each subsequent general election; and

**Whereas**, in her role as an esteemed State Representative, the Honorable Betty Thompson has proven to be one of the prime motivators in the passage of House Bill 455 regarding health insurance coverage for children and youth impacted by alopecia totalis or alopecia areata; and

**Whereas**, Representative Betty Thompson, who hosted a radio program on KATZ and KIRL for 25 years, brings to her work in the state legislature a wealth of knowledge and experience which she garnered from employment and leadership efforts with Saint Louis County government, the Human Development Corporation, and K&M Delivery Service, which she owns; and

**Whereas**, the recipient of numerous awards and honors, Representative Betty Thompson is active in such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Better Family Life; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Saint Louis Support Group; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission; Women in Municipal Government; Parents/Teachers Organization; and Northern Missionary Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, a featured special guest on “Betty Thompson Day” will be Martin Luther King, III, of Atlanta, Georgia, who will speak on the friendship, longstanding support, and dedication of Representative Betty Thompson to her community and to the King Center’s mission to bring about nonviolent social change:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of achievement embodied in the life and work of Representative Betty Thompson and to convey to her this legislative body’s warmest regards on “Betty Thompson Day”; 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 in honor of Representative Betty L. Thompson of University City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Robin Wright Jones  
District No. 63

Joined by the Entire House Democratic Caucus

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. 1641, adopted April 8, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker