

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Marla Calico, an esteemed resident of Springfield, Missouri, who will step down as General Manager of the Ozark Empire Fair in Springfield on April 9, 2004, after ten years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Marla Calico has worked in various capacities with the Fair since 1977, serving as Livestock Director, Exhibits Director, Assistant Manager, and Operations Manager; and

Whereas, Marla Calico grew up on a dairy farm in southwest Missouri and received her Bachelor's degree in Agri-Business from Southwest Missouri State University in 1984 while working at the Fair; and

Whereas, a 2003 Southwest Missouri State University Outstanding Alumni honoree, Marla Calico received her designation as a Certified Fair Executive in 1988; and

Whereas, Marla Calico has distinguished herself as a workshop presenter and table topic leader at many fair industry gatherings, and has traveled throughout the United States and Canada to present professional improvement programs on behalf of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions; and

Whereas, named one of Springfield's Top 20 Most Influential Women by the Springfield Business Journal, Marla Calico is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, the Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals, Mid-West Fairs Association, the Kiwanis of Springfield-South, the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission, Greene County 4-H Foundation, Greene County Extension Council, the North Springfield Betterment Association, the Ozark Mountain Ridge Runners Board, and the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau:

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 Marla Calico for her twenty-seven years of unparalleled service to the Ozark Empire Fair, and in wishing her only the very best as she begins her new role as Executive Vice President of Fairs and Exhibition Management for ExpoAmerica in Wilton, Connecticut; 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 Marla Calico.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark Wright
District No. 137

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. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker