

House Resolution No. 2987

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to bringing the past alive for the benefit of current and future citizens; and

Whereas, the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City has attained considerable distinction as an organization whose members are devoted to the study of history; and

Whereas, on Sunday, May 16, 2004, the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City will commemorate the placement of a historical marker located at Antioch Community Church on Antioch Road near the Antioch Shopping Center in Kansas City; and

Whereas, the Antioch congregation was organized as a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in September 1853 by Moses Easterly Lard, pastor of Liberty Christian Church; and

Whereas, one of the oldest buildings in Clay County, Antioch Christian Church’s first Meeting House was a one-room structure which was erected in 1859 at a cost of \$1,800 and used continuously for worship until Easter 1957; and

Whereas, although a new sanctuary was built, the original Meeting House was maintained for use with some programs and weddings and for at least one Sunday worship service each year; and

Whereas, the members of Antioch Christian Church hosted an annual Strawberry Festival beginning in 1885 and reorganized as Antioch Community Church in 1930; and

Whereas, in addition to the “Antioch” name appearing on a nearby road, shopping center, and middle school, local streets also bear the family names of such early church members as Davidson, Prather, Vivion, and Winnwood:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the members, officers, history, and accomplishments associated with the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations as they place a historical marker at the site of Antioch Community Church; 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 Native Sons of Greater Kansas City.

Offered by _____

Representative Trent Skaggs

District No. 31

Representative Daniel Bishop

District No. 38

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. 2987, adopted May 12, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker