

House Resolution No. 2077

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Susan G. Watkins of Independence has attained considerable distinction as a Municipal Judge for the city of Independence, the Executive Director of the Independence and Eastern Jackson County Youth Courts, and an Attorney at Law; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, Susan Watkins will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role she has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

Whereas, Judge Susan Watkins prepared for her stellar legal and judicial career by successfully pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and political science/history at Graceland College, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and licensure from The Missouri Bar; and

Whereas, a former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Judge Watkins handles traffic cases, domestic violence dockets, general ordinance violations, housing code cases, truancy, and student drug court cases as a municipal judge; and

Whereas, her duties with youth court include supervising the juvenile diversion program and court sessions for peer-tried-and-sentenced offenses and overseeing public relations, community service, fund-raising, and training sessions; and

Whereas, in addition to her participation in Summit Grove Community of Christ Congregation activities, Judge Watkins is a member of numerous professional, civic, and service organizations; and

Whereas, Susan Watkins is the loving mother of four children, Kyle, Grant, Andrea, and Eva, all of whom are justifiably proud of her well-deserved receipt of Citizen of the Year honors at the PTA Founders Day breakfast in Independence:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Judge Susan Watkins as an "Outstanding Missourian" and to extend to her this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 27, 2004, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; 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 "Outstanding Missourian" Susan G. Watkins.

Offered by _____
Representative John Burnett
District No. 40

Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

Joined by the Entire House Membership

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. 2077, adopted April 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker