

House Resolution No.

**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**, the congregation of Liberty United Methodist Church in rural Monett has attained considerable distinction for the role it played in orchestrating the recovery effort for many families whose lives were turned upside down after a devastating tornado destroyed much of their area on May 4, 2003; and

**Whereas**, on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, the Reverend Bill Herald and other members of the Liberty United Methodist Church congregation will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role they have performed in Missouri as community leaders; and

**Whereas**, Liberty United Methodist Church was one of the only structures in the area left standing after the terrible storm, which obliterated almost everything in its path; and

**Whereas**, the congregation of Liberty United Methodist Church generously donated the use of its building to nurture and care for those who had lost their homes and assembled a team of volunteers to collect food and other necessary items; and

**Whereas**, church volunteers prepared countless meals for storm victims and others helping in the clean-up effort and worked closely with several organizations to ensure that all rural residents received proper information on programs and assistance that was available to them; and

**Whereas**, almost one year after the destructive tornado, the congregation of Liberty United Methodist Church continues to organize volunteer groups to assist with the clean-up and rebuilding efforts and to provide those dedicated volunteers with meals:

**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 the members of Liberty United Methodist Church as "Outstanding Missourians" and to extend to them this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on May 4, 2004, for special recognition as guests 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 Missourians" from the congregation of Liberty United Methodist Church in rural Monett.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jack Goodman  
District No. 132

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. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker