

House Resolution No. 2597

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to meeting the needs of local communities and neighborhoods through a wide variety of venues; and

Whereas, the Dignity Memorial Funeral Providers of Saint Louis will host the Vietnam Wall Experience in Lemay Park on May 14, May 15, and May 16, 2004; and

Whereas, open twenty-four hours each day at no charge to the viewing public, the Vietnam Wall Experience will include a candle lighting ceremony, name rubbings, and the Agent Orange Memorial “Quilt of Tears”; and

Whereas, the Vietnam Wall Experience is a three-quarter scale traveling replica of “The Wall,” the most celebrated component of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, dedicated to all Americans who served in Vietnam and honoring all veterans of the United States military, the Vietnam Wall Experience was created in 1990 by Service Corporation International, the parent company of Dignity Memorial, to serve distant communities throughout the nation; and

Whereas, since its establishment nearly one and a half decades ago, the Vietnam Wall Experience has been seen by millions of visitors in more than one hundred cities across the country; and

Whereas, the Vietnam Wall Experience is sponsored locally by Dignity Memorial Funeral Providers or their affiliated cemeteries; and

Whereas, the Vietnam Wall Experience is a faux-granite structure which is 240 feet in length, eight feet in height, and inscribed on its black, mirror-like surface with the names of the 58,175 Americans who are listed as killed or missing in Vietnam:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the work of Dignity Memorial Funeral Providers and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s sincerest commendation of their efforts in bringing the Vietnam Wall Experience to Lemay Park in Saint Louis from May 14 through May 16, 2004; 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 Dignity Memorial Funeral Providers of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

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. 2597, adopted May 4, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker