

House Resolution No. 2500

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State news organizations which have made exceptional contributions to local neighborhoods, communities, and beyond; and

Whereas, Il Pensiero (The Thought) is a newspaper in Saint Louis which was founded by Luigi Carnevale shortly after the opening of the 1904 World's Fair; and

Whereas, published by Antonino Lombardo since 1967, Il Pensiero prints articles concerning the Italian presence in national and local scenes, news from Italy, and the diverse activities of various Italian organizations; and

Whereas, in addition to providing articles of interest which involve Italian heritage, Il Pensiero supports the general public by printing announcements of social, cultural, and charitable events and by including a separate "Calendar of Events"; and

Whereas, Il Pensiero was awarded a Blue Ribbon in 1911 by the Italian government for its service in maintaining cultural ties between Italian immigrants in America and their original homeland of Italy as the only Italian newspaper to be found in the state of Missouri and in southern Illinois; and

Whereas, current publisher Antonino Lombardo also has attained professional distinction by having the title of "Cavaliere" bestowed upon him by the Italian government in appreciation of his efforts in the newspaper business and his service to the surrounding community; and

Whereas, Il Pensiero helps to maintain the highest standards of performance and conduct in the field of journalism through its membership and participation in the Federazione Italiana Stampa Unitaria all'Estero (FUSIE), which is known in English as the Federation of Official Italian Newspapers Around the World:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar history of Il Pensiero and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they observe the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of their esteemed publication; 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 Il Pensiero of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Thomas A. Villa
District No. 108

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. 2500, adopted May 3, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker