

House Resolution No.

Whereas, Wilma Jean Lower of Bolivar, Missouri, has distinguished herself as a recipient of the Naomi Crouch 4-H Volunteer Leadership Award, a most impressive accolade bestowed upon her by the Missouri 4-H Foundation on March 19, 2004; and

Whereas, recipients of the Crouch 4-H Award are a dedicated group of volunteers who exemplify excellence through their commitment to positive youth development and providing opportunities to young people across Missouri; and

Whereas, the Crouch Award has been given annually since 1953 to one organization and two volunteers who devote their time, talents, and finances to support 4-H members, clubs, and families; and

Whereas, a 4-H Leader and a 4-H Foundation Trustee for more than twenty years, Wilma Jean Lower has worked with fellow 4-H leaders and assisted with 4-H activities at Regional Achievement Day, helped with the 4-H building at the Ozark Empire Fair, and aided in judging events in other counties; and

Whereas, Wilma Jean Lower was an Extension textiles and materials management specialist in Polk County from June 1971 until her retirement in August 2000, at which time she filled another vacancy in Cedar County for nine months; and

Whereas, Wilma Jean Lower, who earned an undergraduate degree at Southwest Missouri State University and a Master's degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia, also volunteers to maintain the resource room at the new Citizens Memorial Healthcare Senior Health Center and is active in the Bolivar Church of Christ, where she teaches a Wednesday night Bible study class for children in third through fifth grades; and

Whereas, Wilma Jean Lower has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Fred Lower, and twenty-three nieces and nephews:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the unparalleled amount of time, energy, and leadership which Wilma Jean Lower has devoted to 4-H clubs down through the years and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes upon her well-deserved selection to receive the Naomi Crouch 4-H Volunteer Leadership Award; 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 Wilma Jean Lower, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronnie Miller
District No. 133

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.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker