

## House Resolution No. 2611

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which demonstrate such tremendous potential for bettering the quality of human life now and in the future; and

**Whereas**, Relay For Life serves as a unique and effective means of promoting community good will while raising much-needed funds for the American Cancer Society's diverse programs of research, education, advocacy, and service which are designed to prevent disease, save lives, and diminish suffering; and

**Whereas**, Relay For Life is the nationwide signature activity for the American Cancer Society in its longstanding battle against a disease which has eliminated so many people and resources from society's treasury; and

**Whereas**, nearly thirty thousand new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the state of Missouri this year, and more than twelve thousand of our illustrious citizens will die; and

**Whereas**, cancer is the second-leading cause of death in the United States and claims approximately 1,500 lives each day nationwide; and

**Whereas**, Relay For Life activities educate the public about cancer prevention and detection, raise the financial resources necessary for the fight against this deadly disease, and help participants celebrate survival; and

**Whereas**, the Henry County Relay For Life will open its annual fund-raising on Friday, May 21, 2004, with activities at Clinton High School in which everyone will have the opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary, productive association formed between the Henry County Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for resounding fund-raising success; 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 Henry County Relay For Life.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Shannon Cooper  
District No. 120

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. 2611, adopted May 4, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker