

House Resolution No. 3147

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State spiritual institutions which are dedicated to serving others in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a religious organization which was founded by Mother Clelia Merloni who sent the first Sisters to America in 1902 to fulfill their special gift as expressed in the motto, "Charitas Christi Urget Nos"; and

Whereas, members of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus initially focused their work to share the love of Jesus with American immigrants from Italy; and

Whereas, at the request of the Reverend Cesare Spigardi, Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed the path of Italian immigrants into the midwest and arrived in Saint Louis in 1913 to staff Our Lady Help of Christians School on Cole Street; and

Whereas, Sister Hildegard became the first Superior and Principal of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Saint Louis and subsequently rose to United States Provincial and Mother General in Rome; and

Whereas, since their 1913 arrival in Missouri, members of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have served the people of Saint Louis through such venues as Sacred Heart Villa Day Care and Nursery, Saint Ambrose Elementary School and Parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel School and Parish, John Paul II School, Cor Jesu Academy, Saint Joseph School and Parish in Kimmswick, Queen of Apostles Preschool in Imperial, the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Office, Saint Clare of Assisi School in Ellisville, Christ Prince of Peace School in West County, Saint Luke the Evangelist School in Richmond Heights, Saint Martin of Tours Parish, Saint Catherine Laboure School, and the Saint Louis University Physicians Assistant Education Program; and

Whereas, the Apostles of the Sacred Heart have continued down through the years to be witnesses of faith, signs of hope and healing, and apostles of evangelization:

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, productive history of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Saint Louis and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's sincerest commendation of all of their spiritual and service accomplishments; 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 presentation to the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Patricia M. Yaeger
 District No. 96

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. 3147, adopted May 19, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker