

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are devoted to assisting those in society who daily struggle with debilitating mental illnesses; and

Whereas, The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-NAMI St. Louis is a leader in providing services to those who care for, and about, people with mental illness through an extensive array of support and educational programs, informational resources, and advocacy activities in fulfillment of its mission to improve the quality of life for people recovering from severe mental illness; and

Whereas, The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-NAMI St. Louis has served the area since 1978 as a founding member and regional office of a nationwide service organization established by and for families of individuals stricken with severe mental illness; and

Whereas, among the five largest NAMI Affiliates in the country, The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-NAMI St. Louis has a continually growing membership that now exceeds 2,000 individuals with thousands more who participate in the many programs it offers; and

Whereas, The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-NAMI St. Louis was recognized by the United Way of Greater St. Louis through membership granted in 1999 in light of its essential role in the community; and

Whereas, The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-NAMI St. Louis offers a telephone Help Line, Family Support Groups, the North Club, Specialized Family Support Outreach Services, Continuing (General) Education meetings, Family to Family Education, Visions for Tomorrow, Family Skills Workshops, a Lending Library, and the NAMI St. Louis Newsletter; and

Whereas, on Sunday, November 23, 2003, The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-NAMI St. Louis will hold a Twenty-fifth Anniversary Gala entitled "NAMI St. Louis' Silver Anniversary: Celebrating Beautiful Minds for 25 Years" at The Junior League of St. Louis:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exceptional record of achievement garnered by The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-NAMI St. Louis and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as their organization celebrates Twenty-five Years of service to the St. Louis metropolitan area and its surrounding five counties; 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 The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-NAMI St. Louis.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 4657, adopted
November 14, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker