

House Resolution No. 4811

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to recognize the meritorious endeavors of outstanding individuals, a task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, Lois Judevine Blackwell, President and Founder of the Judevine Center for Autism in St. Louis, Missouri, will retire in December 2003, following more than three decades of steadfast and admirable service to the Center; and

Whereas, Lois Blackwell is known, admired, and respected for her helpful attitude, warm smile, and friendly manner in which she has always greeted people in and around the community, a unique quality that will be greatly missed by many; and

Whereas, Lois Blackwell has also distinguished herself as a valuable member of the Board of Directors for the Autism Society of America, the Council on Quality and Leadership, and NARPPA; and

Whereas, Lois Blackwell will undoubtedly look back over the past several years and reminisce about her many worthwhile experiences and her special relationships with revered colleagues while basking in the glow of a successful career now at its end; and

Whereas, Lois Blackwell has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include Rebecca Blackwell, who will assume the position of Executive Director, Mark Blackwell of Louisville, Kentucky, and Kathy O'Brien of Provo, Utah; and

Whereas, Lois Blackwell will be the guest of honor at a special retirement celebration to be held on December 14, 2003, at the Saint Louis Hilton, in Frontenac:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing deep gratitude for the superb service that Lois Blackwell has rendered to the Judevine Center for Autism during the past thirty-three years and in wishing her ample opportunity to enjoy the better things life has to offer; 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 Lois Judevine Blackwell, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Barbara Wall Fraser
District No. 83

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. 4811, adopted December 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker