

House Resolution No. 4841

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have devoted themselves down through the years to ensuring the highest standards of educational opportunity at Show-Me State universities; and

Whereas, Vivian Leon of Joplin has attained considerable distinction for more than two decades as the First Lady of Missouri Southern State University; and

Whereas, the beloved wife of Dr. Julio S. Leon and the loving mother of Nathan Leon, Vivian Leon has served the University in innumerable capacities without seeking public acknowledgment, accolades, or honors for her unparalleled efforts; and

Whereas, in light of the unheralded achievements of Vivian Leon, the Missouri Southern State University Criminal Justice Department will grant her an Unsung Hero Award as a true surprise at this holiday season; and

Whereas, Vivian Leon welcomes the new Freshman Class each year through a wonderful ice cream social and is the hostess for such other University events as the International Banquet; and

Whereas, additional promotion of the International Mission of Missouri Southern State University by Vivian Leon includes her contributing an impressive amount of time and effort to the International Piano Competition, a premiere event which features pianists from around the world showcasing their talents; and

Whereas, Vivian Leon is an accomplished pianist in her own right who is justifiably proud of her role as the driving force behind the International Piano Competition which brings much-deserved attention to Missouri Southern State University:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the delightful, ongoing reign of Vivian Leon as the First Lady of Missouri Southern State University and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of her outstanding contributions to the educational institution and our sincerest congratulations upon her receipt of a well-deserved Unsung Hero Award from the school's Criminal Justice Department; 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 Vivian Leon of Joplin, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Steve Hunter
 District No. 127

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. 4841, adopted December 16, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker