

## House Resolution No. 279

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened to learn of the death of an Outstanding Missourian, Dorothy M. “Dotty” DeLassus, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at the age of fifty-four; and

**Whereas**, Dotty DeLassus had lived in Webster Groves for twenty-nine years and had served as a Webster Groves City Council member since 1996; and

**Whereas**, born in Saint Louis, Dotty DeLassus graduated from Riverview Gardens High School in 1968, studied computer science for two years at Saint Louis Community College at Meramec, worked as an insurance adjuster for several years after high school, and married Paul DeLassus in 1974; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Dotty and Paul DeLassus was blessed with the love and affection of two wonderful sons, Gregory and Jean Paul, both of whom appreciated their mother’s participation in the Webster Groves School District Parent Teacher Organization from 1982 to 1997; and

**Whereas**, in cooperation with longtime friend Ellen Chapman, Dotty DeLassus founded a mother’s group that her children dubbed the “Mafia Moms” and which later transformed itself into the “Dinner Divas”; and

**Whereas**, Dotty DeLassus was overjoyed when she became the mother-in-law of Elizabeth upon that young woman’s marriage to Greg; and

**Whereas**, Dotty DeLassus was universally praised for her unparalleled contributions to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Green Space Advisory Commission, Tax Increment Finance Commission, Citizens Advisory Commission for Community Development, Plan Commission, Financial Advisory Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Community Days, Miss Webster Pageant, National League of Cities-Small Cities Steering Committee, Missouri Municipal League, Saint Louis County Municipal League, Webster University Collaborative Team, Unite 2000 Advisory Council, Make-A-Difference Day, and Webster Groves School District Key Communicators; and

**Whereas**, Dotty DeLassus also deserves mention of her highly successful efforts to reactivate and reinvigorate the Northeast Improvement Organization:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life, work, and leadership of Dotty DeLassus and to convey this legislative body’s most heartfelt condolences to her family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss her considerable light and warmth in their daily lives; 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 memory of Outstanding Missourian Dotty DeLassus of Webster Groves, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kathlyn Fares  
District No. 91

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 279, adopted January 27, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker