

House Resolution No. 2465

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State organizations which admirably demonstrate a true commitment to service in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922, in Waterbury, Connecticut, and merged in 1947 with the National Italian Civic League to form UNICO National; and

Whereas, UNICO National has three affiliated chapters in Missouri, including the Kansas City Chapter, Greater Kansas City Chapter, and Saint Louis Chapter; and

Whereas, on April 27, 2005, the Kansas City and Saint Louis chapters will meet in Jefferson City to celebrate UNICO Day in the capitol; and

Whereas, UNICO National was founded to promote social and intellectual achievements among its members and their families and to support and conduct educational, charitable, religious, and social welfare programs in keeping with the motto, "Service Above Self"; and

Whereas, meaning "unique" or "one of a kind" in Italian, UNICO is now interpreted to stand for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity; and

Whereas, UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States with approximately 140 chapters throughout the country; and

Whereas, UNICO National is involved in charitable, civic, and educational activities as part of the Italian-American responsibility to enhance communities and to help victims of poverty, maladjustment, and misfortune; and

Whereas, Saint Louis served as the national office of UNICO National in the 1950s and 1960s, and four Missourians have been elected National President, including Dr. Louis Badeen, Angelo Sita, the late Dr. D.M. Nigro, and the late Dr. James DiRenna:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of service so generously contributed by the members of UNICO and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on UNICO Day, April 27, 2005; 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 Missouri UNICO chapters.

Offered by _____
Representative Fred Kratky
District No. 65

Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

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. 2465, adopted April 25, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker