

House Resolution No. 3734

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Great American Gymnastic Express, which will have two gymnasts and one coach representing the United States on the United States Olympic Women's Gymnastic Team at the 2004 Olympics; and

Whereas, located in Blue Springs, the Great American Gymnastics Express (GAGE) is run by Gymnastics Coaches Al Fong and Armine Barutyan-Fong; and

Whereas, after many years of long, hard work, determination, effort and dedication Al Fong and Armine Barutyan-Fong have earned the honor of Co-Coaches of the Year by the United States of America Gymnastics governing body; and

Whereas, in their quest and perseverance to achieve the best, Al Fong and Armine Barutyan-Fong have placed gymnasts Courtney McCool and Terin Humphrey on the 2004 Olympic Team; and

Whereas, on July 30, 2004, Al Fong, Courtney McCool, and Terin Humphrey will leave for the Olympics after years of hard work which have gained them this tremendous honor; and

Whereas, Al Fong and Armine Barutyan-Fong will be recognized for their contributions to women's gymnastics during a pep rally to be held July 29, 2004, as a community send-off for the Olympic-bound gymnasts and their coach:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Al Fong and Armine Barutyan-Fong at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; 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 the Great American Gymnastic Express in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3734, adopted July 28, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker