

## House Resolution No. 3560

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to providing a safe, welcoming environment for youth who have been abused, neglected, or living in stressful conditions; and

**Whereas**, Epworth Children and Family Services was founded in 1864 by the German Methodist Church in Warrenton to care for children orphaned by the Civil War; and

**Whereas**, located in Webster Groves since the early 1920s, Epworth Children and Family Services was originally known as the Epworth School and took its current name when it merged with United Methodist Children and Family Services; and

**Whereas**, Epworth Children and Family Services takes as its motto, “Where Kids Find Strength”, in light of its strength-based therapeutic philosophy that builds on individual strengths of youth and families to promote increased capacity of each to thrive in society; and

**Whereas**, Epworth Children and Family Services rededicated its buildings on May 22, 2005, with a ceremony in which its Methodist roots were honored by Bishop Robert C. Schnase, Episcopal leader of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such stellar organizations as Epworth Children and Family Services:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the one hundred forty years of service so generously contributed by Epworth Children and Family Services and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the rededication of their facilities; 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 Epworth Children and Family Services 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. 3560, adopted May 25, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker