

House Resolution No. 3594

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge such momentous occasions in the history of the Show-Me State as a visit from the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic, the Honorable Rastislav Kacer; and

Whereas, Rastislav Kacer was appointed Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States of America on July 30, 2003, after having held leadership positions at the Foreign Affairs Ministry from 1992 to 2001 and the Ministry of Defense from 2001 to 2003; and

Whereas, Ambassador Rastislav Kacer will visit the greater Kansas City metropolitan area from June 8 to June 12, 2005, during which time he will participate in the Twentieth Anniversary celebration of the Slavic Festival in Sugar Creek; and

Whereas, Ambassador Rastislav Kacer will be the guest of honor at numerous other events, including a luncheon at the Truman Presidential Library on Wednesday, June 8, 2005; and

Whereas, born on July 9, 1965, in Nova Bana, Slovakia, Ambassador Rastislav Kacer is married to his beloved Otilia Kacerova and is the loving father of two wonderful children, Veronika and Samuel; and

Whereas, Ambassador Rastislav Kacer diligently prepared for his diverse endeavors in life by earning a Master of Science degree in organic chemistry from the Slovak Technical University in 1989 and furthering his knowledge, skills, and experiences at the Institute of International Relations, School of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava; the Research Center T.N.O. Delft in the Netherlands; and the Institute of International Relations at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom; and

Whereas, Ambassador Rastislav Kacer previously served his homeland as Head of the Analytical Unit in the Department of Analysis and Planning, Liaison Officer to NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Director of the Department of Analysis and Planning, and Director General of the Division of International Organizations and Security Policy, all within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and as State Secretary in the Ministry of Defense:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome Ambassador Rastislav Kacer to the state of Missouri and to convey to him this legislative body's deep regard for the contributions made to the United States by persons of Slovak descent down through the years and our most heartfelt commendation of the current contributions made by the Slovak nation as a true partner in the global war on terrorism; 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 Ambassador Rastislav Kacer of the Slovak Republic.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

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. 3594, adopted May 26, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker