

House Resolution No. 3600

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure and genuine respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge a milestone event in one of the Show-Me State's premiere cultural and educational institutions, the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis; and

Whereas, the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis will perform Verdi's Rigoletto, Gounod's Romeo and Juliet, Gretry's Beauty and the Beast, and Britten's Gloriana during its Thirtieth Season; and

Whereas, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis is universally praised for producing opera in a fresh and very American style with sophisticated and musically impeccable productions sung by outstanding young artists in an intimate, 987-seat theater; and

Whereas, since 1976 Opera Theatre of Saint Louis has occupied the Loretto-Hilton Center on the campus of Webster University whose garden setting is ideal for a spring festival season and whose theater's small scale and thrust stage give performances a unique dramatic impact; and

Whereas, visitors to Opera Theatre of Saint Louis in 2000 have included locals from the greater Saint Louis metropolitan area as well as guests from thirty-nine states and nine foreign countries; and

Whereas, in its first twenty-five seasons, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis presented fifteen world premieres, all but one of which was commissioned by the company, and nineteen American premieres; and

Whereas, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis was founded in spring 1976 by Richard Gaddes who was determined, along with a small group of opera-lovers, to bring festival-quality opera to the Saint Louis area; and

Whereas, twenty-nine seasons later, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis continues to showcase young American singers, to offer them the chance to develop new roles over long rehearsal periods under the wing of well-known coaches, conductors, directors, and designers, and to audition more than six hundred aspiring singers from cities across the United States:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the cultural and educational accomplishments associated with the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon attaining the Thirtieth Season of their productions; 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 the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis.

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. 3600, adopted May 26, 2005.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker