

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the Saint Louis Area Immigrant Rights Action Task Force is composed of leaders from immigrant-, faith-, and community-based organizations and progressive unions which are committed to economic and social justice for all regardless of nationality, citizenship, or country of origin; and

Whereas, one of the earliest projects undertaken by the Saint Louis Area Immigrant Rights Action Task Force was the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride in the fall of 2003; and

Whereas, Saint Louis Area Immigrant Rights Action Task Force members now will participate in the National Week of Action from Monday, September 20, to Sunday, September 26, 2004, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride and to help make immigrant voices heard before the November 2004 elections; and

Whereas, the goal of the National Week of Action is to encourage elected officials to support and pass immigration reform, elevate the range of issues advocates care about while building grassroots capacity, and promote civic participation among immigrant communities; and

Whereas, during National Week of Action, locally and nationally organized events will push for the passage of AgJOBS and DREAM, support SOLVE and CLRA, and oppose CLEAR and CLEAR-like legislation; and

Whereas, the local affiliate of the New American Opportunity Campaign, the Saint Louis Area Immigrant Rights Action Task Force is currently sponsored by Saint Louis Jobs With Justice and is an affiliate of Manos Unidas and the Saint Louis Workers Rights Board:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments of the Saint Louis Area Immigrant Rights Action Task Force during its first year in operation and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued success during the September 20 through September 26, 2004, Week of Action; 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 Saint Louis Area Immigrant Rights Action Task Force.

Offered by _____
Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

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. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker