

House Resolution No. 4001

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize St. Joseph Croatian Church, which is celebrating its One Hundredth Anniversary in 2004; and

Whereas, St. Joseph Croatian Church was established on September 25, 1904, by one hundred generous families under the leadership of the Reverend Oscar Suster, who served as the first pastor; and

Whereas, St. Joseph Croatian Church has contributed to the education and spiritual development of the children of St. Louis since 1906; and

Whereas, St. Joseph Croatian Church grew and prospered and moved to its current location at South Twelfth Street and Russell Boulevard in 1927; and

Whereas, the congregation of St. Joseph Croatian Church has consistently welcomed, comforted, and aided many new immigrants to the St. Louis area; and

Whereas, St. Joseph Croatian Church has offered a strong spiritual growth under the guidance of the Croatian Franciscan Fathers from Chicago since 1926; and

Whereas, St. Joseph Croatian Church has served as a center for Croatian spiritual, benevolent, cultural, patriotic, and humanitarian relief efforts; and

Whereas, the congregation of St. Joseph Croatian Church has been a vital factor in the community for the past one hundred years and has contributed to the prosperity of the St. Louis community in a variety of ways:

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 St. Joseph Croatian Church upon this very special anniversary event; 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 St. Joseph Croatian Church.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Daus
District No. 67

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. 4001, adopted September 7, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker