

House Resolution No. 4250

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in order to acknowledge a milestone event in the history of one of the Show-Me State's most illustrious children's museums; and

Whereas, The Magic House Children's Museum in St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate its Twenty-fifth Anniversary with a special celebration on October 16, 2004; and

Whereas, The Magic House is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing children with hands-on learning experiences in a creative and simulating environment; and

Whereas, located in a three-story Victorian home in suburban St. Louis, The Magic House was originally built as a private home in 1901 for the George Lane Edwards family; and

Whereas, Mr. Edwards distinguished himself as the first President of his family's brokerage firm, A.G. Edwards and Sons, as well as a Director of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair; and

Whereas, founded in 1975 by two St. Louis women, The Magic House opened to the public on October 16, 1979, and was designed to accommodate 30,000 visitors per year, however it effortlessly surpassed that number when 165,000 visitors toured the museum during its first year of operation; and

Whereas, The Magic House is always growing and changing and continues to increase its impact on learning with more than 40,000 children visiting the museum annually for field trips and 25,000 children participating in the Museums outreach programs in their own classrooms and libraries; and

Whereas, The Magic House has distinguished itself by receiving national recognition for its outstanding exhibits and educational programming; and

Whereas, among the top twelve family destinations in the nation, The Magic House is one of the most attended children's museums in the country with 400,000 visitors annually:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history and impressive accomplishments associated with The Magic House and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the opening of their esteemed organization; 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 The Magic House in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Richard G. Byrd
 District No. 94

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. 4250, adopted September 12, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker