

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made her a source of inspiration for all those around her; and

Whereas, Rhonda Chriss Lokeman has been selected to receive the 2004 Clarion Award, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon her by the Association for Women in Communications during the Clarion/Matrix awards dinner to be held on October 8, 2004, in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Rhonda Lokeman was chosen to receive the Clarion Award because of her work on the war on terror and other topics; and

Whereas, an employee of The Kansas City Star since 1981, Rhonda Lokeman commenced her career with The Star as a General Assignment Reporter and in 1984 she was appointed to the Editorial Board, where for two decades she wrote editorials on such topics as civil rights, NASA, Latin America and the Caribbean, housing, postal affairs, juvenile violence, jazz preservation, and gun control; and

Whereas, Rhonda Lokeman has enjoyed recognition as a recipient of numerous honors, including an Inter American Press Association award, two Unity awards from Lincoln University, two awards from the National Gay and Lesbian Journalism Association, an honorable mention for a Tobenkin Award from Columbia University, the Urban League Image Award, the 100 Most Influential African-Americans in Kansas City award, and a Frank Smith Award; and

Whereas, a native of Baltimore, Rhonda Lokeman earned a Bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Maryland, College Park; received several journalism fellowships; and completed the Smith Management Program at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she earned a certificate in management:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Rhonda Lokeman for her selection to receive 2004 Clarion Award, and in further wishing her continued success in all future endeavors; 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 Rhonda Chriss Lokeman, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Yvonne S. Wilson
District No. 42

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. 4231, adopted October 6, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker