

## House Resolution No. 4565

**Whereas**, Leo and Kay Drey have donated the 146,000 acre Pioneer Forest to the L-A-D Foundation, a private, charitable foundation currently managing nearly 3,400 acres, most of which are designated Missouri Natural Areas; and

**Whereas**, Leo and Kay Drey of University City, Missouri, have gained vast honor and respect through their remarkable act of generosity and environmental stewardship; and

**Whereas**, located in the heart of the lower Ozarks near the Current River, Pioneer Forest is critical to protecting the state's biological diversity and is home to black bears, river otters, and songbirds, as well as huge oak, hickory, and pine woods; and

**Whereas**, the Pioneer Forest, which spills across six Missouri counties, will remain open to the public for hunting, fishing, and other forms of outdoor recreation; and

**Whereas**, Leo and Kay Drey's donation is the largest conservation gift in the history of Missouri and the L-A-D Foundation will continue to use the sustainable practices employed since the Pioneer Forest was first assembled by Mr. Drey in the 1950's; and

**Whereas**, in addition, Leo Drey has enjoyed recognition by serving as Board President of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, where he also distinguished himself as founder, President, Vice President, Board member, and petition carrier; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment is truly fortunate that Leo and Kay Drey continue to be unselfish benefactors and valued voices on its Advisory Board:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join the citizens of Missouri in applauding Leo and Kay Drey for the enormous generosity which they have displayed in helping to enhance the natural environment of their community by making it a showpiece of pride for all time; 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 Leo and Kay Drey, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Barbara Wall Fraser  
 District No. 83

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. 4565, adopted December 1, 2004.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker