

House Resolution No. 4600

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exceptional citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Robert J. Kelley has attained considerable distinction as the president of the Greater Saint Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, a vocational pursuit which he will draw to a close on December 31, 2004, in retirement; and

Whereas, Robert Kelley brought to his leadership of the Greater Saint Louis Labor Council a wealth of knowledge and experience which he had garnered as the organization's secretary-treasurer from 1975 to 1978 and as a member of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 655; and

Whereas, Robert Kelley joined Local 655 in 1961 as a part-time bagger at Rapps Supermarkets and then steadily rose through the ranks to take on such additional responsibilities and duties as field organizer, director of organizing, and recording secretary; and

Whereas, Robert Kelley developed and maintained an exceptional reputation through his additional efforts as a Democratic National Committeeman, member of the Executive Board of the Missouri AFL-CIO, member of the National AFL-CIO Advisory Committee for state and local central bodies, and member of the Saint Louis Convention and Visitors Commission, Saint Louis Economic Development Council, United Way of Greater Saint Louis Board of Directors and Administrative Budget Committee, and the University of Missouri's Labor Education Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, the son of Margaret Kelley, Robert Kelley is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Barbara; loving father of Michael, Colleen and Paul Boschert, Jr., Amy and Russ Phillips, Melissa and John Ryan, Erin and James Frederick, and Meghan and Craig Pauly; and the grandfather of twelve wonderful children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar career enjoyed by Robert Kelley as president of the Greater Saint Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 presentation to Robert J. Kelley.

Offered by _____
 Representative Thomas E. George
 District No. 74

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. 4600, adopted December 7, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker