

House Resolution No. 4723

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily activities in order 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, Geraldine “Gerry” Kamenko, R.N., has attained considerable distinction as President of the Christian Woman’s Benevolent Association, a leadership endeavor which she will draw to a close at the end of 2004 after twenty-nine years of service; and

Whereas, a member of the Christian Woman’s Benevolent Association Board for thirty-six years, Gerry Kamenko drives from Ballwin to Ferguson at least three days each week in order to fulfill her duties and responsibilities as President; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Gerry Kamenko was named Trustee of the Year in 1993 by the Missouri Homes for the Aging and on June 23, 1998, enjoyed having the day proclaimed Mrs. Gerry Kamenko Day in Saint Louis by Mayor Clarence Harmann in light of her untiring devotion to volunteerism and her caring for the elderly; and

Whereas, Gerry Kamenko will have her retirement as President of the Christian Woman’s Benevolent Association publically lauded at a luncheon which will be held in her honor on December 29, 2004; and

Whereas, Christian Woman’s Benevolent Association had its illustrious start in 1899 when a group of ladies organized and established a home to care for mothers and babies, after which time the group founded Christian Hospital of Saint Louis in 1903, Christian Old Peoples Home (now Christian Care Home) in 1911, and Hartnett Christian Village in keeping with the scriptural injunction found in Matthew 25:40, “For in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me”; and

Whereas, Christian Woman’s Benevolent Association today maintains one hundred forty-five residents and a staff of one hundred sixty-seven employees:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the diverse accomplishments garnered by Geraldine Kamenko during her leadership of the Christian Woman’s Benevolent Association and to convey to her this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; 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 in honor of Geraldine Kamenko, R.N., of Ballwin, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jodi A. Stefanick
 District No. 93

 Representative Rod Jetton
 Speaker Pro Tem

District No. 156

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. 4723, adopted December 27, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker