

## House Resolution No. 796

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize outstanding Show-Me State organizations, such as the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners, that are dedicated to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through economic empowerment; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners was formed after the federal court system altered the way in which the state of Missouri awards contracts for the purchase of goods and services for use by state government; and

**Whereas**, the first of its kind in the United States, the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners is made up of the Black Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Saint Louis, Kansas City Asian Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Council of Women Business Owners, Kansas City Hispanic Association Contractors Enterprise, Minority Contractors of Kansas City, MidAmerica Minority Business Development Council, Missouri-Kansas Contractor Assistance Center, National Association of Women Business Owners-Kansas City, National Association of Women Business Owners-Greater Saint Louis, Saint Louis Asian Chamber of Commerce, Saint Louis Black Leadership Roundtable, Saint Louis Minority Business Council, and Women Impacting Public Policy-Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners reviews and monitors procurement programs of corporations and state and local governments to determine their utilization of Minority/Women Business Enterprises and to assist them in increasing their purchases from M/WBEs; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners is committed to representing the interest of all of its members across the state with a unified voice to effectively and positively influence the government and corporate purchasing environment:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the goals, history, and accomplishments associated with the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners and its constituent organizations and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued 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 for presentation to the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Esther Haywood  
District No. 71

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 796, adopted February 27, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker