

## House Resolution No. 1501

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, Preferred Family Healthcare has proven itself deserving of the attention and commendation for the work it does in assisting those unique needs of adolescent substance abusers and have developed an effective program known as Achieving Recovery Through Creativity (ARTC); and

**Whereas**, Preferred Family Healthcare's ARTC program is a creative arts program designed to provide youth who are receiving substance abuse treatment with unconventional means of self-expression through the use of visual arts, music, poetry, and drama; and

**Whereas**, the ARTC program has proven to increase each adolescent's feeling of self-esteem and self-worth and improve their ability to collaborate and cooperate with others; and

**Whereas**, the ARTC program provides a sense of accomplishment and serves as a means to fill the void that is often left when substance abusers take steps toward remaining substance-free; and

**Whereas**, Preferred Family Healthcare serves over sixteen hundred young people and their families a year and employs nearly two hundred staff employees in twelve locations in Missouri; and

**Whereas**, ARTC was first established in 2003 in St. Charles and has grown to provide services to the Missouri communities of Jefferson City, Kansas City, Kirksville, Lee's Summit, St. Joseph and Wentzville:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our gratitude to Preferred Family Healthcare for the work they do for the citizens of this state; 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 Preferred Family Healthcare.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rebecca McClanahan  
District No. 2

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. 1501, adopted March 28, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker