

House Resolution No. 2620

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, the 2007 recipients of The Daily Record's "Legal Leaders of the Year" have been recognized for legal accomplishments and dedication to the Kansas City community; and

Whereas, after receiving approximately thirty nominations, a panel composed of members from the Kansas City legal community chose this year's winners; and

Whereas, that group consisted of Nancy Kenner, of Kenner & Kavanaugh, Daniel McCarroll, of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Sly James, of The Sly James Firm, Judge Duane Benton, of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, Brianne Hampton, of Secretary at Law, and Greg Bentz, of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy; and

Whereas, among the ten Legal Leaders of the Year is Judge John O'Malley, the veteran Jackson County Circuit judge; and

Whereas, Judge John O'Malley took the bench in 1989, and he has twice served as the court's presiding judge, from 1995 through 1998; and

Whereas, Judge John O'Malley is also a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserve, and he has been an instructor in paralegal studies and business courses at area colleges since 1975; and

Whereas, the fourth annual Legal Leaders of the Year awards luncheon will be held on April 20, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, and Douglas Linder, UMKC School of Law professor and the creator of the Famous Trials Web site, which receives an average of one million hits per month, will be the keynote speaker; and

Whereas, John Holt, an anchor at FOX 4 News who holds a law degree from the University of Kansas School of Law, will be the master of ceremonies during the luncheon:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our deepest congratulations to Judge John O'Malley on the auspicious occasion of his being named a Legal Leader of the Year; 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 Judge John O'Malley, a Kansas City Legal Leader of the Year.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

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. 2620, adopted April 24, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker