

House Resolution No. 2882

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State service organizations that admirably enhance quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through a commitment to fund-raising and the donation of time and effort; and

Whereas, Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council #4429 in Hazelwood, Missouri, was chartered on June 16, 1957, after eighty-one men gathered in the cafeteria of Holy Ghost School for a First Degree ceremony that was performed by District Deputy Doc Kinstren; and

Whereas, First Grand Knight Joe Schmersahl organized the building of the first Council Hall on Madison Avenue in Berkley, Missouri, and in 1974 the Council purchased land on Teson Road in Hazelwood to begin construction of the organization's second Council Hall; and

Whereas, throughout the 1980s Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council officers and members worked diligently to improve the Council Hall facilities through expansion of the building and creation of a basement Club Room; and

Whereas, Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council is known for the strength of its First Degree team, which became the first team in the Order to perform the First Degree ceremony in its present form on September 30, 1980; and

Whereas, Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council has earned numerous awards, including the Pope Paul VI Award, Star Council Award, Columbian Award, Father McGivney Award, Supreme Council Award of Merit for Rosary, State Community Activity Award, and Best Council Newsletter recognition; and

Whereas, Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council supports Special Olympics, religious vocations, blood drives, Christmas baskets for the needy, youth Free Throw and Poster contests, an Easter Egg Hunt for handicapped children, pilgrimage to Our Lady of Starkenburg Shrine, the White House Retreat, Seminarian scholarships, the Vitae Society, the Religious Information Bureau, and many other worthwhile endeavors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council #4429 and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of their esteemed organization; 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 Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council #4429 in Hazelwood, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Clint Zweifel
District No. 78

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. 2882, adopted May 1, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker