

## House Resolution No. 3399

**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**, Sister Gail Guelker, SSND (School Sisters of Notre Dame), has been honored by St. Louis County Executive Charlie A. Dooley, who has proclaimed May 12<sup>th</sup> “Sister Gail Guelker Day” in observance of her many contributions to education in the area, as she prepares to go on sabbatical from Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU); and

**Whereas**, MCU is made up of three community groups – Churches Committed to Community Concerns, Congregations Allied for Community Improvement and Churches United for Community Action – that include numerous Catholic parishes; and

**Whereas**, Sister Gail Guelker is the founder, organizer, and builder of Churches United for Community Action (CUCA) since 1991 and is known as the “mother” of CUCA; and

**Whereas**, Sister Gail Guelker has abundantly witnessed through her long and faithful stewardship that persons of religious faith can and should live out their values while serving the public good; and

**Whereas**, Gail Guelker entered the Order as a postulant on August 25, 1960, and took her final vows on July 30, 1967; and

**Whereas**, Sister Guelker graduated from Notre Dame College with a bachelor of arts degree in American studies in 1964, and from Saint Louis University with a master of arts degree in elementary education in 1974; and

**Whereas**, Sister Guelker is the former executive director and former assistant diocese program director of the BREM Catholic Ministries; former child care worker at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Group Home, in St. Louis; former elementary education administrator of St. Phillip in East St. Louis, Illinois, and of St. Aloysius in St. Louis County; former junior high school teacher at St. Charles Borromeo in St. Charles, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Sister Gail Guelker is the daughter of Wilfred and Ethel Guelker; the sister of Lois and her husband, Phil Poepsel; the aunt of Tim, Lorie and her husband, Mark Kammerich, and Jennifer and her husband, Mike Rogers; and grand-aunt of Andrew, Lindsay, Nathan, Luke and Ryan:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to congratulate Sister Gail Guelker on the auspicious occasion of having May 12<sup>th</sup> proclaimed “Sister Gail Guelker Day” by the St. Louis County Executive; 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 Sister Gail Guelker, SSND.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Gina Walsh  
District No. 69

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. 3399, adopted May 9, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker