

House Resolution No. 3966

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through many years of excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas, Merle Allen, an esteemed resident of Joplin, Missouri, officially stepped down as President and CEO of St. John's Mercy Regional Foundation on May 11, 2007, after nineteen years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, St. John's Mercy Regional Foundation is a unique, innovative organization founded in 1988 to provide health service support for local and regional healthcare providers where funding was limited or not available; and

Whereas, since its inception, the St. John's Mercy Regional Foundation has established the Defibrillator and free Colon Cancer Screening programs, and has provided extrication equipment to EMS first responders and fire trucks in twenty-eight rural communities; and

Whereas, the Foundation has also provided funds to build an FFA approved heliport, to renovate and furnish the Palliative Care and St. John's Birthing Center unit, and to purchase the St. John's regional mobile mammography van to better serve women in the four-state area; and

Whereas, all of this and more has been made possible due to the unwavering commitment and steadfast dedication of Merle Allen, who will be greatly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with him:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Merle Allen for his nineteen years of unparalleled service as President and CEO of St. John's Mercy Regional Foundation, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; 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 Merle Allen.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronald F. Richard
District No. 129

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. 3966, adopted June 5, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker