

House Resolution No. 4209

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 members now pause to recognize Elaine Pursell, who has been honored with the coveted Mildred Wallhausen Friend of SEMO Press Award; and

Whereas, Elaine Pursell is the retired Advertising Manager at the Daily Statesman and an inspirational figure within the community and the Southeast Missouri region; and

Whereas, Elaine Pursell received the Mildred Wallhausen Friend of SEMO Press Award at the Missouri Press Association's 2007 SEMO Press Banquet held recently in Perryville, Missouri; and

Whereas, the eleventh annual recipient of the prestigious award, Elaine Pursell was presented the honor having exemplified all of the elements that the award's namesake, Mildred Wallhausen, found commendable when it was established in 1997; and

Whereas, the Award recognizes individuals who have excelled in contributing to the betterment of journalism in the State of Missouri, and Elaine Pursell was particularly honored for her continuous accomplishments in the publishing field and for her ongoing contributions to Dexter and the surrounding communities; and

Whereas, in addition to holding numerous positions with the Missouri press field, including board member of the Missouri Ad Managers Association, Elaine Pursell has been instrumental in making dreams come true through her work with the Make a Wish Foundation for over twenty years, and she also serves as a volunteer for 18 Fore Life and currently holds the position of vice president of the SEMO Press Board; and

Whereas, Elaine Pursell is the beloved wife of Tony Purcell and the devoted mother of Ashley Jarrell and her husband, Josh, of Dexter, and the loving grandmother of Landon;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to Elaine Pursell on the auspicious occasion of her being honored by the Missouri Press Club; 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 Elaine Pursell.

Offered by _____
Representative Billy Pat Wright
District No. 159

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. 4209, adopted July 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker