

House Resolution No. 4571

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their competitive athletic achievements; and

Whereas, Chuck McHenry of Arcadia, Missouri, became the first Missourian to finish a Missouri 340 River Race event in the history of the competition when he paddled his kayak from the 367 Mile Marker at Kaw Point Park in Kansas City to the 29 Mile Marker in Saint Charles in a time of 57 hours, 14 minutes; and

Whereas, Dr. Chuck McHenry placed Fourth in the world's longest nonstop river race despite dislocating a rib during a supply stop one hundred fifty miles from the end of the race; and

Whereas, Dr. Chuck McHenry had such a substantial lead at the first checkpoint that he was able to simply drift with the current after his injury; and

Whereas, the Missouri 340 River Race was held at the height of summer from July 24 to July 28, 2007; and

Whereas, racers were allowed only 100 hours in which to complete the 340-mile route down the turbulent Missouri River; and

Whereas, dentist Chuck McHenry trained for the race with his wife, Di McHenry, who competed in the women's tandem event and finished in 61 hours, 9 minutes; and

Whereas, the 2007 Missouri 340 River Race attracted competitors from across the United States and Canada and raised funds for Operation Breakthrough, a program designed to give children a safe learning environment:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Fourth Place finish captured by Chuck McHenry in the Missouri 340 River Race and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal, athletic, and professional success for many more years to come; 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 Chuck McHenry of Arcadia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative J.C. Kuessner
District No. 152

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. 4571, adopted August 29, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker