

House Resolution No. 4706

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Karen S. Sweeney of Springfield, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction through her selection for a Silent Hero Award from the Silent Hero Award Committee in light of her civic leadership and volunteer activities on behalf of others; and

Whereas, Karen Sweeney is the Executive Vice President of Drury University in Springfield, where she has devoted more than two decades of service and leadership; and

Whereas, previously serving as Vice President for Student Services and Church Relations at Drury, Karen Sweeney also has been Dean of Students at Drury, an Educational Counselor at Springfield Catholic High School, and Assistant Dean of Women and Assistant Director of Nunemaker College at the University of Kansas; and

Whereas, Karen Sweeney earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in education from the University of Kansas and joined the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Association of College Personnel Administrators, and Association of Fraternity Advisors; and

Whereas, Karen Sweeney founded Leadership Springfield and what is now known as the Missouri Victim Center and served as the organizations first board presidents; founded the Community Advisory Board for Homeless, now known as the Affordable Housing Action Board, and served as its first chair; served as president of Junior League of Springfield and United Way of the Ozarks; was a board member of the Springfield Chapter of Habitat for Humanity; and held the special status of elder at the National Avenue Christian Church; and

Whereas, Karen Sweeney has served as a community leadership development workshop presenter and facilitator for a long list of important local, regional, and national organizations:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Karen Sweeney for a Silent Hero Award from the Silent Hero Award Committee and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal 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 Karen S. Sweeney of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

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. 4706, adopted September 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker