

House Resolution No. 117

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

Whereas, the members are pleased and proud to pause to recognize Hope House, which is observing its twenty-fifth anniversary this month, having opened its doors at midnight on January 1, 1983; and

Whereas, originally situated in a modest four-bedroom house in Independence, Missouri, that could safely house fifteen women and children, today Hope House is a comprehensive agency providing safety, support and hope for families affected by domestic violence, and it is the largest domestic violence shelter in Missouri, with two secure locations in Independence and Lee’s Summit, each featuring a 52-bed shelter, therapy space, early childhood center, administration offices and community training facilities; and

Whereas, Hope House’s hotline and programs help more than 15,000 battered women and children each year, and while they are located in Eastern Jackson County, their clients come from throughout the Kansas City metro area; and

Whereas, Hope House’s mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing safe refuge and supportive services that educate and empower women and their children, and Hope House will advocate social change that protects and engenders a person’s right to live a life free of abuse; and

Whereas, Hope House is served by a committed and dedicated board of directors, which is led by Chairman Kurt Pycior, Vice Chairman Mike Householder, Secretary Sara Welch, and Treasurer Bill Moore:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Hope House on the illustrious occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary, with our best wishes for every success in the future; 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 Hope House, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Beth Low, No. 39

Representative Brian Yates, No. 56

Representative Will Kraus, No. 48

Representative Paul LeVota, No. 52

Representative Jeff Grisamore, No. 47

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 117, adopted January 15, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker