

House Resolution No. 443

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 or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Linda Kennedy, of St. Louis, Missouri, who has been honored by the Missouri Arts Council with the Missouri Arts Award in the Individual Artist category; and

Whereas, Linda Kennedy will be publicly honored during a ceremony to be held on February 13, 2008, at the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, Linda Kennedy is a well known and highly respected actress who has been an artistic associate with The Black Rep, the largest African-American theatre company in the nation that reaches 175,000 people annually, since its inception thirty-one years ago; and

Whereas, Linda Kennedy is a twelve-time Woodie Award-winning actress who was voted "Best Local Actress" by the Riverfront Times in 2003 and who received the Grand Center Visionary Award in 2005; and

Whereas, Linda Kennedy has appeared in more than forty productions with The Black Rep and served in other capacities, including working with the Professional Touring Company that performs more than one hundred shows for schools, community centers, corporations, churches, and other organizations in Saint Louis and throughout the Midwest; and

Whereas, Linda Kennedy also has played a role in conceiving and developing such touring shows as "Telling, Singing, Beating the Drum" about African and African-American folktales; and

Whereas, Linda Kennedy teaches workshops and residences for children and adults and has served as the director of the Summer Performing Arts Program for students between the ages of eight and seventeen;

Whereas, initiated in 1983, the Missouri Arts Award honors individuals and organizations that have made profound and lasting contributions to the cultural and artistic climate of the state, and each year, Missouri Arts Award nominees are reviewed by a committee of Missouri citizens from throughout the state who are knowledgeable, experienced, and highly respected in the arts:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the efforts of Linda Kennedy, with our best wishes for 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 Linda Kennedy, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
 Representative Robin Wright Jones
 District No. 63

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. 443, adopted February 6, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker