

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations that bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in the field of mental health; and

Whereas, Preferred Family Healthcare, Incorporated, of Saint Louis, Missouri, was founded in 1979 to meet the needs of Missourians as a nonprofit agency providing quality mental health and substance abuse treatment services; and

Whereas, on February 7, 2008, Preferred Family Healthcare was given well-deserved honors and accolades at a reception in the East Room of the White House to honor agencies from across the nation that embrace the mission of First Lady Laura Bush and her Helping America's Youth initiative that seeks to ameliorate the problems of substance abuse and gang activity; and

Whereas, the more than five hundred staffers currently employed by Preferred Family Healthcare provide mental health and substance abuse treatment services to youth and adults in the Saint Louis metropolitan area, which includes the city of Saint Louis and the counties of Saint Louis, Franklin, Lincoln, Warren, and Saint Charles; and

Whereas, Preferred Family Healthcare utilizes an adolescent facility on Jefferson Street and residential and outpatient adult facilities on South Broadway and Miami Street in Saint Louis; and

Whereas, the adolescent program of Preferred Family Healthcare was awarded a pilot project contract by the Missouri Department of Mental Health and the Saint Louis Mental Health Board in August 2006 to provide new and innovative services to the youth of Saint Louis; and

Whereas, Preferred Family Healthcare strives to build strong collaborative partnerships with the Saint Louis public schools and other community providers to create a system of care network and philosophy:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Preferred Family Healthcare and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon receiving special recognition at a ceremony that was conducted in the White House of Washington, DC, on February 7, 2008; 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 in honor of Preferred Family Healthcare, Incorporated, of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jeanette Mott Oxford
 District No. 59

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. ____, adopted _____, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker