

House Resolution No. 815

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of buildings, structures, or areas that illuminate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

Whereas, serving as a focus in the fight against abandoning and destroying an area's historical, social, and educational significance, the Shiloh Preservation and Restoration committee will receive a prestigious McReynolds Award from Missouri Preservation (the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation) at a special recognition ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 27, 2008; and

Whereas, the members of the Shiloh Preservation and Restoration committee have earned the McReynolds Award in light of their renovation of Shiloh Tabernacle, an open-air structure built on upright hewn logs that support a heavy-timber frame with mortise and tenon joinery; and

Whereas, Shiloh Tabernacle is located near Quincy, Missouri, and was built by early settlers of the Benton and Hickory County areas as a place for worship and community fellowship in 1873; and

Whereas, the Shiloh Preservation and Restoration committee undertook a fund-raising campaign in 2005 for a rehabilitation effort to counter the deterioration of Shiloh Tabernacle that had occurred over time; and

Whereas, the Shiloh Preservation and Restoration committee felled trees from the 23-acre property to replace deteriorated posts, beams, and braces, carved new wooden pegs for the mortise and tenon joinery, and established an endowment that will ensure the continued maintenance of the historic structure; and

Whereas, Missouri Preservation was founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust to protect Missouri's irreplaceable historic resources by instilling a statewide preservation ethic through the "Missouri Preservation News", a web site, and partnership with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Natural Resources:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of the Shiloh Preservation and Restoration committee and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon their receipt of a well-deserved Missouri Preservation McReynolds Award; 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 the Shiloh Preservation and Restoration committee of Benton County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Larry D. Wilson
 District No. 119

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. 815, adopted February 26, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker