

## House Resolution No. 2042

**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, particularly its public servants; and

**Whereas**, the members are proud to pause to recognize Francis R. Slay, who will soon retire from his long and productive life of civil service and private enterprise, an event that will be marked with a special celebration to be held at The Cedars banquet and reception hall at St. Raymond's on Friday, April 25, 2008, one of the many St. Louis area restaurants owned and operated by the Slay family and one he personally manages; and

**Whereas**, the son of a St. Louis Alderman who boasts a political career that spans more than forty years, Francis Slay began his career as an elected official in 1966, when he was voted into the Missouri House of Representatives by the citizens in the 64<sup>th</sup> District, a seat he held until 1970, when he assumed the post of St. Louis Recorder of Deeds, which he held until 1977; and

**Whereas**, admired and respected, Francis Slay is a member of St. Raymond's Maronite Catholic Church, and he has served as 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward Democratic Committeeman since August 1964; and

**Whereas**, now eighty years old, Francis Slay has served the City of St. Louis and citizens of this great state honorably and well during his undefeated political career; and

**Whereas**, Francis R. Slay is the beloved husband of Anna May Sobocinski, to whom he has been married for more than fifty-five years, and they are the proud parents of eleven children, Gerard, Michael, Brenda, Raymond, Ann, Leo, Maria, Tom, Monietta, and the Honorable Francis G. Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis; the devoted grandparents of seventeen children; and loving great-grandparents to one child:

**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 Francis Slay on the happy occasion of his retirement, with our very best wishes for many happy and prosperous 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 Francis R. Slay, as a measure of our esteem and gratitude.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard  
District No. 58

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. 2042, adopted April 21, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker