

## House Resolution No. 2222

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their vocational endeavors; and

**Whereas**, Denis Burns of Saint Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an attorney with Burns, Vandover & Godfrey, P.C., who has completed more than 300 jury trials, has numerous reported cases in the books, and has lectured on various aspects of trial and tort liability; and

**Whereas**, on April 26, 2008, Denis Burns will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he receives the 2008 Award of Honor from the Lawyers Association of Saint Louis, which has given the annual award since 1946 to a member of the Bar of Saint Louis whose attainments as a trial lawyer, record of honorable service to the profession, and whose attainments as a citizen merit special recognition; and

**Whereas**, a partner and the president of Burns, Vandover & Godfrey, Denis Burns earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Marquette University and a Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University; and

**Whereas**, after admittance to The Missouri Bar, Denis Burns served as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Mobile, Alabama, and in New York; and

**Whereas**, from 1971 to 1972 Denis Burns served in the Circuit Public Defenders Bureau for the city of Saint Louis, after which time he entered the private practice of law and received the Lon Hocker Memorial Trial Lawyer Award from the Missouri Bar Association; and

**Whereas**, during his leadership of Burns, Vandover & Godfrey, Denis Burns has developed an exceptional reputation for such Appellate matters as insurance defense, automobile liability, premises liability, product liability, breach of security, false arrest, and malicious accidents; and

**Whereas**, Denis Burns also has spoken on various legal topics as a guest lecturer at Washington University's School of Engineering, Saint Louis University, and various Continuing Legal Education programs:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Denis Burns for the 2008 Award of Honor from the Lawyers Association of Saint Louis and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more 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 presentation to Denis Burns of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rachel Storch  
District No. 64

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. 2222, adopted April 24, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker