

House Resolution No. 2223

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 Louis Gossett, Jr., the Emmy, Golden Globe, and Academy Award winning actor and founder of The Eracism Foundation, Inc., which is devoted to eradicating racism and social ignorance while planting the positives seeds of tolerance and cultural awareness with children; and

Whereas, the mission of The Eracism Foundation is to eradicate the systematic impacts of all forms of racism by providing programs that foster cultural diversity, historical enrichment, education and anti-violence initiatives; and

Whereas, this month, Louis Gossett, Jr. will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from St. Louis Argus, the oldest black newspaper in Missouri and the sixth oldest in the United States; and

Whereas, founded on January 5, 2006, The Foundation's position is to serve as a vital resource between communities impacted by violence and their access to the tools necessary to improve their current circumstances; and

Whereas, The Foundation focuses on historically enriching the community and promoting diversity through a series of documentaries, psychodramas, plays, and interactive videos addressing the historical contributions and current relevance of these efforts in improving the quality of life among today's youth and adults alike; and

Whereas, the organization is grounded in its vision to contribute to the betterment of our society by addressing the negative impacts of racism, and by addressing these issues, connecting individuals to their history/culture, and empowering them with the appropriate educational and training resources available in our programs, the Foundation will position the recipients of these services to improve the quality of life in their respective communities; and

Whereas, The Foundation is based on the premise that through this vital connection to such services and a connection to their past, individuals will be better equipped to embark on a positive future for the benefit of their collective communities in the process:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our warmest Show-Me State welcome to Louis Gossett, Jr., with our sincerest congratulations on garnering the Lifetime Achievement Award from St. Louis Argus; 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 Louis Gossett, Jr., as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Talibdin El-Amin
District No. 57

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. 2223, adopted April 24, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker