

House Resolution No. 2482

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 Bonita Cornute, who will be honored during the annual Salute to Women in Leadership luncheon to take place on May 9, 2008, a collaborative event between the City of St. Louis, the Office of the License Collector, and the Vashon/Jeff VanderLou Initiative; and

Whereas, the Salute to Women in Leadership awards are given to women who excel in their work in a professional, civic, or social capacity in the St. Louis area; and

Whereas, Bonita Cornute, who will receive the Media Leadership Award, is a respected journalist and general assignment reporter for FOX 2 News covering the complex issues and events that affect women and minorities in the St. Louis community, which she has done particularly well since joining FOX 2 in 1982; and

Whereas, Bonita Cornute formerly worked for KETC-TV, where she co-produced and co-hosted several public affairs programs; and

Whereas, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bonita Cornute is active and has held many leadership roles in many professional organizations including the Greater St. Louis Association of Black Journalists and the St. Louis Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences; and

Whereas, Bonita Cornute is the proud recipient of many awards and honors including four local Emmy Awards, the Quest Award from the National Federation of Press Women-Missouri Affiliate, the Excellence in Journalism Award from the National Association of Women Legislators, the NAACP Crisis Magazine's Role Model of the Year Award, the Shero Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Excellence in Journalism Awards from the Greater St. Louis Association of Black Journalists, and numerous community service awards; and

Whereas, a member of the Board of Directors of the People's Health Center and Hopewell Mental Health Center, Bonita Cornute is active in many community organizations including the Black Repertory Company, Community Women Against Hardship, St. Louis Public Schools, and the Matthew Dickey Boys and Girls Club, and she is former member of the Board of Directors for the YWCA:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and admiration for the personal and professional accomplishments of Bonita Cornute; 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 Bonita Cornute, as a measure of our esteem.

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. 2482, adopted April 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker