

House Resolution No.

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; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize MOKAN CCAC, the St. Louis Construction Contractors Assistance Center, a premiere not-for-profit organization committed to assisting local MBE/WME contractors in the construction industry or related fields in metropolitan St. Louis and the surrounding area with construction opportunities, technical assistance, and training; and

Whereas, incorporated in 1974, MOKAN's history is one of involvement in the development and growth of minority- and women - owned construction-contracting firms, and it serves as a vital link between M/WBE's and the general construction industry; and

Whereas, MOKAN'S goal is to increase the number of qualified minority and women contractors, and to increase the amount of public as well as private dollars spent with those firms; and

Whereas, MOKAN's primary function is to maximize opportunities for the participation of City - Certified minority- and women-owned businesses in the construction industry, particularly in the private sector, in addition to support on public sector projects, and this is accomplished by education and training, and technical assistance in the preparation of bonding, insurance and loan application, and the provision of financial counseling; and

Whereas, MOKAN is the principal source in St. Louis, Missouri for practical hands-on assistance for firms owned by minorities and women, and for over two decades, MOKAN has successfully fought on behalf of its members, and millions of dollars of contracts have been awarded to firms owned by minorities and women through the direct efforts of MOKAN; and

Whereas, MOKAN is responsible for the Mayor's issuance of an Executive Order which mandated that good-faith efforts be made to ensure a minimum goal of twenty-five-percent-and-five-percent MBE/WBE participation on City of St. Louis-funded projects, St. Louis Public School projects, and Metropolitan Sewer District projects; and

Whereas, as MOKAN works diligently towards opening the doors to new opportunities in the private sector, they are filled with great expectations, because they know hard work yields results:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our gratitude to MOKAN CCAC for efforts on behalf of citizens of this great state; 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 MOKAN CCAC.

Offered by _____
Representative Talibdin El-Amin
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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. ____, adopted _____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker