

House Resolution No. 3447

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations that admirably enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their civic, cultural, and social contributions; and

Whereas, Forty Acres and a Mule, Incorporated, of Kansas City, Missouri, will host an annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 21 and 22, 2008, at the Forty Acres and a Mule Activity Campus; and

Whereas, the observance of Juneteenth has been a Kansas City tradition for more than a quarter of a century, thanks in large measure to the leadership of Black Archives of Mid-America founder Horace M. Peterson, III, who led the first city-wide celebration in 1980; and

Whereas, Juneteenth began in Texas in 1866 with African-American families whose freedom from slavery did not occur until June 19, 1865, some two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was officially issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863; and

Whereas, the Juneteenth Family Festival is a partnership between the Kansas City Neighborhood and Community Services and the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund; and

Whereas, Juneteenth at the Forty Acres and a Mule Activity Campus will provide Kansas City residents and visitors with the opportunity to enjoy the area's rich cultural heritage and some of the preeminent music artists of the town, region, and nation; and

Whereas, the mission of the Forty Acres and a Mule Activity Campus is to provide self-development programs and events for the youth and families of the Kansas City community as well as a safe and convenient location for fellowship and growth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Forty Acres and a Mule organization and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Juneteenth Celebration in 2008; 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 in honor of Forty Acres and a Mule, Incorporated, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Craig Bland
District No. 43

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. 3447, adopted June 18, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker