

## House Resolution No. 3609

**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, particularly its public servants; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Gail Barnekow, of Marshfield, Missouri, who will step down from her post as a Senior Webster County Probation and Parole Officer for the Missouri Department of Corrections on August 31, 2008, after twenty-seven years of loyal and dedicated public service; and

**Whereas**, with two undergraduate degrees, Gail Barnekow began her career as an intelligence analyst for the Mid States Organized Crime Information Center in Springfield, Missouri, and during that time, she received a personal commendation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director William Webster for designing and conducting an Intelligence Analysis Training Program for entry-level FBI Drug Task Force Intelligence Analysts; and

**Whereas**, during her career as a Probation and Parole Officer, which began in 1989, Gail Barnekow received a “Highly Successful” Performance Rating, the highest possible, every year; and

**Whereas**, Gail Barnekow was elected to two terms on the Probation and Parole Quality Circles, an internal committee to liaison with management to improve employee working conditions, serving one term as president; and

**Whereas**, Gail Barnekow volunteered to work as a Probation and Parole Intake Officer, holding meetings with groups of new probationers and parolees to explain their responsibilities, and since the inception of the Webster County Drug Court, Gail Barnekow has served as the Probation and Parole representative; and

**Whereas**, well known and greatly respected in her community, Gail Barnekow volunteers for Webster County Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Springfield/Ozarks AIDS Project, dog and cat rescue efforts, and she has staffed hotlines and filmed public service announcements for Springfield-area television stations; and

**Whereas**, Gail Barnekow is a member of the Heartland Baptist Fellowship Church, where she is especially involved in the Women’s Ministry and Church Care Team; and

**Whereas**, a resident of Webster County resident since 1989, Gail Barnekow looks forward to spending some of her new-found time with her beloved husband, Robert Hamilton:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Gail Barnekow on the illustrious occasion of her retirement, with our very best wishes for every happiness and success in all her future endeavors; 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 Gail Barnekow, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Michael L. Cunningham  
 District No. 145

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. 3609, adopted July 14, 2008.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker