

House Resolution No. 4150

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased and proud to pause in the course of their diverse daily activities to mark milestone events in the histories of Missouri institutions devoted to helping its less fortunate residents; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Rural Advocates for Independent Living (RAIL), which is observing its fifteen anniversary next month; and

Whereas, on October 25, 1993, RAIL officially opened for business and began providing the Four Core Services to the ten Missouri Counties: Adair, Chariton, Knox, Linn, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, and Sullivan; and

Whereas, RAIL's Four Core Services are Peer Support, Advocacy, Information and Referral, and Independent Living Skills Training; and

Whereas, RAIL's mission is to assist persons with disabilities to live as independently as they choose within the communities of their choice; and

Whereas, the members of RAIL's founding Board of Directors are President Karen Hirsch, Vice President Dennis Miller, Treasurer David Wholers, Secretary Susan Jackson, Marca Certatiempo, Joe Bleything, Ellen Turgeon, and Joyce Cassity; and

Whereas, originally located at 301 E. McPherson, RAIL opened a second location in Kirksville in 1993 at 714 S. Baltimore, and it opened a satellite office in Macon the better serve the counties of Macon, Shelby, Linn, and Chariton; and

Whereas, RAIL's main headquarters moved in April 2004 after purchasing property and a building at 1100 South Jamison in Kirksville; and

Whereas, between 1993 and 2008, RAIL has continued to grow and today has twenty-two staff members, compared to the original three:

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 and gratitude to Executive Director Theresa Myers, the Board of Directors, and staff of RAIL on the illustrious occasion of its fifteenth anniversary, with our very best wishes for continued success; 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 Rural Advocates for Independent Living (RAIL).

Offered by _____
Representative Rebecca Payne McClanahan
District No. 2

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. 4150, adopted September 17, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker