

House Resolution No. 4206

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize those Missouri individuals who have served their community as a whole, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Marian Lonning, who has been honored with the Legacy Award from Community Living, Inc., and who will be formally bestowed with this award during Community Living's Ninth Annual Legacy Ball to be held on October 18, 2008; and

Whereas, Marian Lonning worked extensively with people with developmental disabilities as a nurse and as a teacher before coming to Missouri in July 1968; and

Whereas, in February 1969, Marian Lonning opened the Day Activity Center for children with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, after Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 passed, enabling disabled children to go to school, Marian Lonning decided to transition her program into a service for adults in 1974, and also in 1974, she founded the Day Activity Center Auxiliary, a support group for the parents of the center's participants, an organization which remains active to this day; and

Whereas, Marian Lonning served on the Senate Bill 40 Committee to help approve a county-wide property tax to provide and fund services for people with developmental disabilities, a tax that passed in 1977; and

Whereas, after the Day Activity Center expanded and was taken under the wings of Community Living, Inc., Marian Lonning served as Director of the Day Activity Centers, now known as Support Services for Adults (SSA), a post she held until her retirement in 1989; and

Whereas, after her retirement, Marian Lonning served for three years on the Handicapped Facilities Board, and in 1992, she was welcomed onto the Community Living's Board of Directors, serving three terms; and

Whereas, the beloved wife of James Lonning, Marian Lonning is the proud mother of two children, Robert Lonning and his wife, Karen, and Patricia Lonning Slodkowski and her husband, Henry; grandmother of four children; and great-grandmother of four:

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 admiration to Marian Lonning on the illustrious occasion of her being honored with the 2008 Community Living Legacy Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to improving services for people with disabilities in St. Charles County; 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 Marian Lonning.

Offered by _____
 Representative Joe Smith
 District No. 14

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. 4206, adopted September 23, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker