

House Resolution No. 4523

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Rita Heard Days of Saint Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the State Senator who represents the people and institutions of the Fourteenth District; and

Whereas, on November 7, 2008, the Honorable Rita Days will enhance her already impressive record of achievement when she receives a Hellenic Spirit Athena Award from the University of Missouri-Saint Louis and the Hellenic Spirit Foundation; and

Whereas, Rita Days has earned a Hellenic Spirit Athena Award as one of a highly select group of women that also includes Kathryn Demmas Sansone, Anne Harris, Priscilla R. McDonnell, Dr. Debbie Psihountas, Dr. Sheryl Salaris, Eleftheria Sekkas Fitzgerald, Rabbi Susan Ralve, Jeanne Tompras, Dr. Diane Toulaiatos, Barbara Turkington, and the Honorable Cheryl Walker; and

Whereas, the Hellenic Spirit Foundation was founded by Greek-American business and professional leaders in the Saint Louis area as a nonprofit charitable and educational organization that is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Greek culture and language and to the development of programs that enhance education and philanthropy in the metropolitan region; and

Whereas, since its inception, the Hellenic Spirit Foundation has raised and donated more than \$525,000 to benefit numerous charitable, educational, and humanitarian causes in the region; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Rita Days at momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments associated with the life and work of Rita Days and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for her well-deserved selection for a Hellenic Spirit Athena Award from the University of Missouri-Saint Louis and the Hellenic Spirit Foundation; 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 presentation to Senator Rita Heard Days of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Robin Wright Jones
District No. 63

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. 4523, adopted November 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker