

House Resolution No. 454

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to bettering quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, The Hiding Place Ministries of Branson has attained considerable distinction since its inception in 2001 as a restoration center for abused women and children in Taney County; and

**Whereas**, on Friday, February 11, 2005, The Hiding Place Ministries will celebrate the Grand Opening of its new The Hiding Place Ministries Thrift Store strategically located in the Elfindale Center at the corner of Sunshine and Kansas Expressway in Springfield; and

**Whereas**, The Hiding Place Ministries Thrift Store would not have come to fruition except for the diligent efforts of Carolyn and Bill Daniels, Jean and Larry Gaches, Patti and Ron Steirwalt, Ann Fuson, Nancy Workizer, Connie Schull, and Debra McGee; and

**Whereas**, The Hiding Place Ministries was founded by Director Carolyn Daniel after a July 13, 2000, visit to Corrie ten Boom's "Hiding Place" for the Jews in Holland during the period of persecution and holocaust which preceded and coincided with World War II; and

**Whereas**, The Hiding Place Ministries is a nonprofit organization which provides a safe place for women and children to hide and heal emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually from abusive relationships; a loving home in which to learn how to have healthy, long-term relationships with family and friends; and a training center where women can receive counseling, education, life skills, advocacy, and empowerment to achieve a successful reentry into society and break the cycle of abuse:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered thus far in the history of The Hiding Place Ministries of Branson and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Grand Opening of The Hiding Place Ministries Thrift Store in nearby Springfield; 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 The Hiding Place Ministries of Branson, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bob Dixon  
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 454, adopted February 10, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker