

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State residents who are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of historic resources to illustrate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

Whereas, Hank and Jean Macler of Tecumseh, Missouri, have devoted themselves to restoring Hodgson-Aid Mill in the vicinity of Sycamore in Ozark County; and

Whereas, built in 1897, Hodgson-Aid Mill is one of only four water mills left in Ozark County, an area which once boasted at least a dozen such facilities, and one of only two mills constructed there by Alva Hodgson; and

Whereas, Hank and Jean Macler renovated Hodgson-Aid Mill using the handcrafting skills of Amish craftsmen in preparation for its use as a tourist attraction, as a facility for the bottling of spring water, and as an attractive site for camping and picnicking; and

Whereas, serving as a focus in the fight against disuse and degradation that can destroy an older area's atmosphere and attractions, Hank and Jean Macler will receive a prestigious 2003 Preserve Missouri Award for Rural Preservation at a special awards ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 26, 2003; and

Whereas, founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust, Missouri Preservation is a grassroots network of individuals, organizations, and commissions from throughout the state with its headquarters centrally located in Columbia, and is the only non-profit preservation organization in the state:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of Hank and Jean Macler and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they receive a well-deserved 2003 Preserve Missouri Award for Rural Preservation; 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 Hank and Jean Macler of Tecumseh, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Maynard Wallace
 District No. 143

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker