

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State organizations which have proven down through the years to serve an exemplary role in providing medical services and maintaining highest possible standards of professional conduct; and

Whereas, the Missouri Society of Anesthesiologists is a professional association of physicians who follow in the historic footsteps of Dr. Crawford W. Long, a medical doctor who first used ether anesthesia on March 30, 1842, to make surgery painless; and

Whereas, since 1958 the groundbreaking career of Dr. Long has been celebrated each year in the United States on March 30, which is now known as "Doctors Day" through action by the United States Congress; and

Whereas, Dr. Long's work initiated radical changes in the surgical treatment of diseases and trauma and helped advance newer and better methods of anesthesia research; and

Whereas, Doctors Day is observed in honor of the many physicians who dedicate their practices to the care of their young and old patients through the wonders of anesthesia, and who help advance medicine and technology utilized in their specialty field; and

Whereas, Missouri Society of Anesthesiologists members will observe Doctors Day as individuals and as a group in light of the important contributions that have been made by anesthesiologists to the overall practice of medicine; and

Whereas, unlike most medical fields, anesthesiology was firmly footed in the American experience before spreading to Europe and then to the rest of the world in the nineteenth century:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the proud history of anesthesiology, the physicians who specialize in that medical discipline, and the important work of the Missouri Society of Anesthesiologists and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as Doctors Day is observed throughout the state of Missouri on March 30, 2003; 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 officers and members of the Missouri Society of Anesthesiologists.

Offered by _____
Representative Sam Page
District No. 82

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