

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in welcoming highly esteemed guests to the Show-Me State with its diverse geography, economic foundations, and societal heritages; and

Whereas, world-renowned philosopher, author, and educator Daisaku Ikeda of Japan will grant the state of Missouri an exceptional honor when he visits Mineral Area College of Park Hills on Friday, February 27, 2004; and

Whereas, Daisaku Ikeda is President of Soka Gakkai International, a global association of lay Buddhists which is recognized by the United Nations as a nongovernmental source for a variety of humanitarian and public information programs; and

Whereas, with more than 10 million members in Japan and more than 1.3 million members in 185 other countries and territories, Soka Gakkai International enjoys an impressive history of accomplishments which date to the formation of the original Soka Gakkai organization founded by Tsunesaburo Makiguchi and Jose; Toda; and

Whereas, Daisaku Ikeda was born in Tokyo, Japan, into a business family which experienced tremendous suffering and deprivations during World War II; and

Whereas, a graduate of Fuji Junior College with a specialization in economics, Daisaku Ikeda turned his interest in discovering the fundamental causes of human conflict into a lifelong pursuit of self-education in the areas of philosophy, literature, natural science, economics, politics, and other disciplines; and

Whereas, Daisaku Ikeda values education and culture as the prerequisites for the creation of true peace in which the dignity and fundamental rights of all people are respected, a belief which is fully supported and encouraged by his beloved wife, Kaneko Ikeda, and their two sons:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome Daisaku Ikeda to the state of Missouri, to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his diverse work in the fields of philosophy, education, and world peace, and to express our sincerest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; 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 Daisaku Ikeda of Japan.

Offered by _____
Representative Dan Ward
District No. 107

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. , adopted , 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker