

House Resolution No. 712

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Fern de Greeff of Saint Louis has attained considerable distinction as a philanthropist who is a major financial underwriter of the Saint Anthony's Hospice facility; and

Whereas, Fern de Greeff will enhance her already impressive record of achievement when she is recognized by the South County Chamber of Commerce with its 2004 Humanitarian Award on February 23, 2005, at the Royale Orleans in Saint Louis; and

Whereas, namesake of the Fern and Russell F. de Greeff Hospice House, Fern de Greeff enjoyed a happy and prosperous sixty-three-year-long marriage to her beloved Russell F. de Greeff whom she first met in 1933 at Morse Mill, Missouri, when he was managing the hardware department of the Sears Roebuck store on North Kingshighway in Saint Louis; and

Whereas, Fern de Greeff accompanied her husband to Fort Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming, after his induction into military service and then supported and encouraged him after their return to Saint Louis as he continued his management career with Sears Roebuck and Company; and

Whereas, near the end of her dear husband's life, Fern de Greeff decided that a fitting legacy would be to support the building of the Fern and Russell F. de Greeff Hospice House, a project which was accomplished six years ago on the campus of Saint Anthony's Medical Center and which began expansion on September 8, 2004; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge momentous occasions in the lives of such outstanding citizens as Fern de Greeff:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Fern de Greeff for the South County Chamber of Commerce 2004 Humanitarian Award and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt 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 in honor of Fern de Greeff of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Sue Schoemehl
District No. 100

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. 712, adopted February 21, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker