

House Resolution No. 4733

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those public servants in local communities and neighborhoods who have proven down through the years to be excellent citizens in light of the excellence of their personal and career achievements; and

Whereas, Victor Rocha of Kansas City has attained considerable distinction as a Municipal Court Judge, a professional calling which he will draw to a close on January 1, 2005, in retirement after twenty years of service; and

Whereas, the first Mexican-American judge in the history of Kansas City, Victor Rocha is the son of Mexican immigrants who settled in the Hispanic neighborhoods found in the western portion of the Kansas City metropolitan area; and

Whereas, Victor Rocha prepared for his life's work by attending Our Lady of Guadalupe School, where he was an altar boy; graduating with honors from Rockhurst High School in 1955; earning a scholastic scholarship to Saint Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas; completing his degree at Rockhurst College in 1959; and attending law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City from 1960 to 1963; and

Whereas, Victor Rocha joined the law firm of Blumer and Wright in 1963; was made a partner in 1965; and garnered additional experience as a Jackson County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Business Law Instructor at Penn Valley Community College, licensed Missouri Real Estate Broker, Deputy Juvenile Officer, and Attorney Advisor for the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Hearings and Appeals, in Kansas City; and

Whereas, appointed to the Municipal Court bench in August 1984, Victor Rocha is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Catherine Tomasa (Ontiveros) Rocha and the loving father of Victor C. Rocha, Victoria Rocha, and Sara Rocha; and

Whereas, Victor Rocha is an accomplished skier, golfer, and runner who has completed marathons in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and London, England:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar record of civic contributions so generously given by Judge Victor Rocha during his twenty years as a Municipal Court Judge and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 Judge Victor Rocha of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative John Burnett
District No. 40

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. 4733, adopted December 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker