

## Resolution

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to improving the quality of life found in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Webster Groves Rotary Club can trace its roots to 1924 when representatives from the Saint Louis club made the trip to Webster Groves to talk with merchants about establishing another chapter within the philanthropic, international association; and

Whereas, now led by president Mark Krueger, the Webster Groves Rotary Club has nineteen members that have participated in Rotary for more than twenty years; and

Whereas, known for its focus on the worldwide eradication of polio, Rotary Club also works locally with such Webster Groves chapter projects during the past year as the dedication of a fire ring at Deer Creek Park to match the one in Larson Park as a capstone in the two-year Rotary Bicentennial Project; a record-setting Pancake Festival; the dedication of a memorial garden at the Recreation Center in the name of longtime member, Bob Graham; the awarding of six scholarships to Webster Groves High School students, sponsorship of two inbound and one outbound exchange students, the hosting of a visiting Group Study Exchange team from Bolivia, and the contribution of more than 275 pairs of shoes to Shoes for Orphan Soles, a Rotary project that collected nearly 80,000 pairs statewide; and

Whereas, the Webster Groves Rotary Club earlier in its history was instrumental in getting a band started at Webster Groves High School and in underwriting the purchase of its uniforms; and

Whereas, Webster Groves Rotary also has been highly involved in Make a Difference Day, the Senior Citizens Corner at Memorial Park, the Lockwood School Area Park, flagpoles at the Webster Groves Recreation Complex, the Blackburn Park pavilion, and Eden Theological Seminary Library; and

Whereas, Webster Groves Rotary Club draws its members from a geographical area that includes Webster Groves, Glendale, Oakland, Shrewsbury, Marlborough, Affton, Grantwood Village, and a portion of unincorporated Saint Louis County:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long history of community service so generously provided by the officers and members of the Webster Groves Rotary Club and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the Eightieth Anniversary of their organization's founding; 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 the Webster Groves Rotary Club.

Offered by

Representative Karolyn Fares

District No. 91

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. 3629, adopted June 2, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker