

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Relating to Parliamentary Law Month

Whereas, since April is the birth month of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the first American manual of parliamentary procedure in 1801, it is an appropriate time to honor him and celebrate the use of parliamentary procedure; and

Whereas, it is fitting to honor Henry Martyn Robert, author of Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies, also known as Robert's Rules of Order; and

Whereas, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised is the most widely recognized and used parliamentary authority in public and private organizations; and

Whereas, it is timely to reflect on the importance of parliamentary procedure in meetings in providing for civil discourse, protecting individual rights, ensuring fairness, and in maintaining order; and

Whereas, parliamentarians are a professional society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby designate the month of April each year as "Parliamentary Law Month" in the state of Missouri, and encourage citizens of Missouri to observe the month with appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of parliamentary law; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.