

House Resolution No. 451

Whereas, Margot and Thomas Crowell of Arcadia, Missouri, will receive the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation's 2003 Award in Residential Preservation during an Awards Ceremony to be held February 26, 2003, at the Missouri State Capitol; and

Whereas, the state's only not-for-profit preservation organization, Missouri Preservation is a grassroots network of individuals, organizations, and preservationists designed to promote historic preservation activities throughout the state and to serve and speak for small towns and rural communities as well as urban centers; and

Whereas, Margot and Thomas Crowell were nominated for this prestigious honor for their extraordinary efforts to rehabilitate the Laundry, Greenhouse, and Carriage Shed, all contributing buildings within the Ursuline Academy-Arcadia College Historic District; and

Whereas, the Crowells decided to purchase the property with dreams of turning the Laundry building into a bed and breakfast while the rest of the complex was to be sold to a number of other parties and redeveloped into a retreat complex focusing on the arts and crafts; and

Whereas, after the remaining complex was quickly sold to a single family, which eliminated the opportunity for the proposed artists' haven, the Crowells proceeded with their plans to turn the Laundry into their home as well as a bed and breakfast; and

Whereas, the Crowells quickly went to work on the Laundry building and its attached L-shaped greenhouse, which had not been in use for many years and was deteriorating, primarily from deferred maintenance; and

Whereas, serving as their own general contractor for the renovation project, the Crowells did much of the work themselves and sought financial assistance from state historic tax credits, as they were initially only able to get a home loan for what seemed a risky venture; and

Whereas, today the renovation project is complete and the Crowells maintain residence on the third floor of the building, while the first and second floors are primarily utilized for the bed and breakfast:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to Margot and Thomas Crowell at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; 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 Margot and Thomas Crowell, as a mark of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____

Representative J.C. Kuessner

District No. 152

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 451, adopted February 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker