

WHEREAS, the Missouri Senate takes great pleasure and pride in recognizing the exemplary accomplishments of one of Missouri's leading citizens upon her retirement as a Missouri Public Service Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Leah Brock McCartney holds the distinction of being the first Black to experience the privilege and the honor of serving as a member of the Public Service Commission, a milestone which she proudly attained following her nomination and subsequent confirmation in the year 1977; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCartney has also earned recognition for the success she has enjoyed in distinguishing herself as the first woman municipal judge of record in the State of Missouri, as well as the first woman to sit on the bench either by election or by appointment; and

WHEREAS, it is not surprising that Mrs. McCartney is recognized nationally as the first black woman to graduate from the George Washington University School of Law in Washington, D.C., from which prestigious institution she earned her Juris Doctor degree with the highest grade point average among her peers; and

WHEREAS, her exceptional record has been further embellished by her service as a tax attorney with the Internal Revenue Service, an attorney-advisor for the Treasury Department, Director of the Legal Aid Society of St. Louis, a trustee of the University City Public Library, a teacher of law at the University of Tulsa and at Florida A&M University and a member of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, while her contributions to our community and her dedication to the needs of people reflect her great strength of character, we the members of the Senate also note that Leah McCartney is a woman of great warmth and personal charm, so it is with pride that;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Eighty-second General Assembly, express our appreciation to Leah McCartney upon the completion of her term with the Missouri Public Service Commission and wish her all the best; and we further declare that the State Flag fly in her honor on May 20, 1983; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Honorable Leah Brock McCartney.

Offered by Senators Schneider and Wiggins

STATE OF MISSOURI: CITY OF JEFFERSON: SENATE CHAMBER

I, John E. Scott, President Pro Tem of the Senate, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and complete copy of Senate Resolution No. 30 offered into and adopted on May 19, 1983, as fully as the same appears of record.

> IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Senate of the State of Missouri this 19th day of May,

A.D. 1983.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM

82ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY