



**Whereas** the members of the Missouri Senate believe it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize charitable organizations dedicated to the most vulnerable and least fortunate among us; and

**Whereas** the members now pause to recognize The Kaufman Fund, based in St. Louis, Missouri, that over the past twenty years has raised and distributed over a million dollars to help local veterans and children; and

**Whereas** The Kaufman Fund was founded in 1990, in memory of Ralph Kaufman, by his brother Wayne Kaufman; and

**Whereas** Wayne Kaufman served with distinction in the United States Army, earning the Bronze Star and the Bronze Star with an oak leaf cluster; and

**Whereas** Wayne Kaufman has been involved as a board member of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Old Newsboys, 1904 Charitable Foundation Veterans Affairs, and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of St. Louis; chaired Vet Net and been president of the Rotary Club of Ferguson; and

**Whereas** Wayne Kaufman's career has been equally impressive, earning the presidency of the St. Louis Remodeling Association and a board membership at the National Association of the Remodeling Industry; and

**Whereas** Ralph Kaufman was a veteran himself, serving four honorable years in the United States Air Force, after which he went on to become a successful businessman, earning high praise from The Small Business Association; and

**Whereas** even with his busy schedule, Ralph Kaufman found the time to volunteer with many charitable organizations, even becoming president of several of them, and through his charitable work, he made it a point to attend to the lives of veterans and children; and

**Whereas** Ralph Kaufman's compassion and dedication for helping others was inspirational and contagious, and through The Kaufman Fund, his generosity thrives and is still supporting those in need; and

**Whereas** The Kaufman Foundation helps homeless veterans and their families find housing; unemployed veterans find employment; families of deployed soldiers with emergency funding, clothing, food, and shelter; veterans with PTSD receive equine- and dog-assisted therapy; families who have lost a son or daughter with counseling and peer group counseling; divorced service members with counseling and legal consultation; the children of veterans with transportation for school, doctors' appointments, and other transportation needs; families with housing, food, and transportation that must travel to visit hospitalized service members; veterans connect to their respective war memorial in Washington D.C. by covering all expenses; veterans at Missouri Veterans Homes by visiting, giving gifts, and having special parties; and by donating funds to support scholarships for veterans' children;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, salute the efforts of The Kaufman Fund and all of those associated with its invaluable work; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to The Kaufman Fund.

Offered by Senator Schupp

STATE OF MISSOURI:  
CITY OF JEFFERSON:  
SENATE CHAMBER: 55

I, **RONALD F. RICHARD**, President Pro Tem of the Senate, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and completed copy of the Senate Resolution offered by Senator Schupp and adopted on August 1, 2017, 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 1st day of August, A.D. 2017.



PRESIDENT PRO TEM  
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY