

## Missouri House of Representatives Votes to Display Preamble

### *God to be acknowledged in House chamber!*

December 20, 2004 – Jefferson City, MO

During the 2004 session of the Missouri General Assembly, the Missouri House of Representatives voted to adopt [HR6](#), a measure calling for the prominent display of the preamble to the Missouri Constitution in the House Chamber. The resolution, sponsored by Representative Rob Schaaf (St. Joseph, MO), is intended to remind the House members the purpose of our state constitution.



Rep. Schaaf

Although one would think that a decision to display *any* part of the constitution should be a foregone conclusion, this was actually a bold, courageous move by our state representatives in a time of blatant attacks on our heritage. The reason? Our constitution is founded upon the recognition of **Almighty God** as the ultimate source of authority and the preamble makes no bones about it.

It reads as follows:

***We, the people of Missouri, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and grateful for His goodness, do establish this Constitution for the better government of the state.***

The plan is to install the preamble in a ceremony on February 28, during the observance of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our current constitution.

You need to understand that this is to be no ordinary plaque. The 200 lb monument is to be made from a slab of 1" thick black granite about 3 feet across. The lettering will be cut deeply into its face and then lined with gold leaf.



[\(Click here for a high resolution image.\)](#)

This monument to our constitution will help to influence our lawmakers for generations to come. It is important that is be done right – and that means it's not going to be cheap. In fact, it will cost about \$10,000 to make and erect the preamble. No state funds are to be used so **donations are needed**. At the time of this writing, about \$8000 more is needed.

Please consider contributing to this project. If you do, you will be able to take your grandchildren to the capitol, point to the preamble and tell them, “**I helped put that there!**”.

## **YOU CAN HELP!**

**Make your check out to:**  
Preamble Fund

**Mail it to:**  
Representative Rob Schaaf  
201 West Capitol Avenue  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6**

**Whereas**, the Preamble to the Missouri Constitution states:

"**We, the people** of Missouri, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and grateful for His goodness, do establish this Constitution for the better government of the state."; and

**Whereas**, as a legislative body elected to serve the people of the State of Missouri, the display of the Preamble to the Missouri Constitution will provide a continuing and lasting reminder to our membership and all those who enter the House Chamber of the purpose for the establishment of the Missouri Constitution; and

**Whereas**, the House of Representatives should solicit design proposals and establish procedures for the selection of an appropriate design for the prominent display of the Preamble of the Missouri Constitution in the House Chamber:

**Now, therefore**, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, direct that in harmony with the recommendations of the Capitol Commission, the Preamble to the Missouri Constitution be prominently displayed in the House Chamber, and the costs associated with the creation and installation be paid for by donations.

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