

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 47

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DOGAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

Relating to "Hazel Erby Day".

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

1           **WHEREAS**, Hazel Erby graduated from Vashon High School and married her high  
2 school sweetheart, Louis Erby, Sr. They have been married for 55 years; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, Erby attended Lincoln University and Harris-Stowe State University; and

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6           **WHEREAS**, she has served as the executive director of the Community Partnership for  
7 the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse, site director for the Caring Communities Program  
8 at the Barbara C. Jordan School in University City, and founder of the TAP City Program in  
9 University City, which pairs senior citizens with teenagers who assist them with errands and  
10 chores; and

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12           **WHEREAS**, Erby is a board member of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
13 and a member of the National Council of Negro Women; and

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15           **WHEREAS**, a trailblazer in politics and community service, Erby became the first  
16 African American woman to win a seat on the St. Louis County Council in 2004 with 66% of  
17 the votes, and retained her seat by winning 99% of the vote. She also served as the Chair of the  
18 St. Louis County Council multiple times; and

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20           **WHEREAS**, Erby served as vice president of the Creve Coeur Democratic Township  
21 and Committeewoman for the University Township; and

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23           **WHEREAS**, as a founding member of the Fannie Lou Hamer Democratic Coalition, she  
24 has served as chair since 2014; and

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26           **WHEREAS**, as a member of the St. Louis County council, Erby sponsored and passed  
27 legislation requiring foreclosure mediation to reduce the disparate effects of foreclosure on  
28 minority communities during the 2008 financial crisis, a bill requiring St. Louis County to  
29 conduct and implement the requirements of its first disparity study, and legislation to build a  
30 recreation center in North County to provide an outlet for young people;

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32           **WHEREAS**, Erby and her husband have three children: Louis Erby, Jr., Angela Erby,  
33 and Kristina Carr-Erby, and a host of grandchildren. Erby is also considered a surrogate parent  
34 by many in the community because of her loving spirit and commitment to public service; and

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36           **WHEREAS**, Erby is the recipient of many awards, including: the St. Louis City NAACP  
37 Medgar Wiley Evers Medal of Freedom in 2018, the distinguished Buzz Westfall award by the  
38 St. Louis Democratic Central Committee in May 2019, the Dr. Dorothy I. Height Leadership  
39 Award from the National Council of Negro Women, the Districts' Uniquely U. City Award, and  
40 the University City Martin Luther King Spirit awardee in 2020; and

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42           **WHEREAS**, Erby recognized that adversity is typically due to injustice, inequity, and  
43 systemic denial of opportunity. She uses her voice to address those root problems. As chair of  
44 the County Council she championed \$1 billion in emergency funding for relief services in the  
45 Ferguson area:

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47           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
48 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
49 concurring therein, hereby declare September 22, 2021, "Hazel Erby Day" in recognition of  
50 Hazel Erby's lifelong dedication to public service and community improvement; and

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52           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his  
53 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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