

**RESOLUTION- APPRECIATION TO THE HOSTS OF
THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, the 130th annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society convened in the city of St. Louis on August 20, 2000, was hosted by the Missouri Chapter of the AFS and the Missouri Department of Conservation; and

WHEREAS, this beautiful city they call the "Gateway to the West", has graciously served as the Society's gateway to the new millennium; and

WHEREAS, attendees were offered attractions ranging from a ride on a Mississippi River barge to visits to the Gateway Arch, the St. Louis Zoo and the Missouri Botanical Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the hosts were influential enough to make sure the St. Louis Cardinals played at home this week; and

WHEREAS while sitting along the banks of the Mighty Mississippi River, conference attendees feasted on fried catfish and barbecue ribs; and

WHEREAS, as promised, the folks of the "Show-me State" did indeed show us a great time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of the American Fisheries Society, having "reflected" on the proceedings of the last few days, extend their sincere appreciation and thanks to the Missouri Chapter of the Society, the Missouri Department of Conservation and Ron Dent's fantastic Arrangements Committee for organizing and hosting a superb annual meeting.