

House Resolution No. 164

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud to acknowledge the heroic feat of an outstanding Missouri youth who demonstrated exceptional presence of mind during a life-threatening situation; and

Whereas, Andrew "Andy" Petry of Cedar Hill, Missouri, was recognized on January 24, 2002, by the Northwest R-1 School Board for saving the life of fellow classmate and close friend, Dakota Price; and

Whereas, on January 11, 2002, ten-year-old Andy Petry, a fifth-grade student at Cedar Hill Intermediate School, applied the Heimlich maneuver to Dakota Price when he realized she had inhaled a piece of food and could not breathe; and

Whereas, when Dakota started turning blue, Andy used the technique he had learned in school the year before to clear Dakota's airway of a piece of breakfast sausage; and

Whereas, scared and a bit confused, the first thought that went through Andy's mind was to perform the Heimlich maneuver, something he did not have to think twice about; and

Whereas, Andy's quick actions on this particular Friday morning earned him the designation of hero in the Northwest School District as well as in the Price household; and

Whereas, Andy was taught the Heimlich maneuver by teacher Kim Hirtz while a fourth grade student at Cedar Springs Elementary School; and

Whereas, it is most fitting and proper for Andy Petry to be honored and praised by this legislative body for the instrumental role he played in this alarming situation, which confirms his bravery and ability to think clearly under treacherous circumstances:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing our most sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to Andy Petry for his valorous efforts which saved the life of Dakota Price and in wishing him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Andrew Petry, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
 Representative Harold R. Selby
 District No. 105

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 164, adopted February 4, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker

