

House Resolution No. 503

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding young Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as a leader of her peers; and

Whereas, Meredith Albers of Kirkwood, Missouri, has been selected to receive the prestigious 2001-2002 Lieutenant Governor's Service Award during an appropriate ceremony on March 13, 2002; and

Whereas, Meredith Albers is one of only a handful of participants who will be recognized for their significant contributions of service to their local community with awards in each age category as fellow citizens, young and old, gather at the statehouse to support their work and praise their achievements; and

Whereas, nominees for the 2001-2002 Lieutenant Governor's Service Awards must be active members of their community and participants or members of national service programs such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps/VISTA, and Learn & Serve America; and

Whereas, Meredith Albers is a senior at Kirkwood High School, where she began serving her community by joining the Kirkwood Youth Service Key Club, through which she participated in a pilot project with BJC Hospice and Supportive Care, making videos of hospice patients for their families and becoming a "big sister" to a little boy infected with HIV and his sister whose parents both had AIDS; and

Whereas, a certified Red Cross HIV/AIDS Peer Educator, Meredith Albers helped form a group at her high school that promotes HIV/AIDS awareness, sponsored a Halloween party for local children, organized a group of students who are being trained to become breast and testicular self-exam peer educators, and helped with the operation of the first AIDSTOCK, a benefit concert that featured various local bands and teen health organizations; and

Whereas, the daughter of Jeff and Michelle Albers, Meredith Albers has also compiled an enviable list of service to the environmental program at her school, the St. Louis County Parks Department, and the Missouri Service-Learning Advisory Council:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Meredith Albers at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to serve as an inspiration to other young men and women through service learning and service to her community; 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 Meredith Albers.

Offered by _____
 Representative Richard G. Byrd
 District No. 94

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. 503, adopted February 27, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker

