

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives enjoy a long, proud tradition of meeting their responsibilities to the citizens of this state while upholding the virtues represented by the "Glory of Missouri": Knowledge, Liberty, Equality, Law, Justice, Fraternity, Education, Progress, Honor, Truth, Virtue, Temperance, Enterprise, and Charity; and

Whereas, the "Glory of Missouri" virtues were engraved in the House Chamber of the State Capitol in the early 1920s under the direction of the Decorating Commission with the inscription: "All the foregoing human qualities bind into one theme, the Glory of Missouri because no people attain these virtues unless they are great."; and

Whereas, the "Glory of Missouri" Award was created to encourage the values held by the early leaders of Missouri and to recognize those standards as exemplified in our schools and communities by this state's young people who are the future of Missouri; and

Whereas, Ronald T. Erickson, a student at Rockwood South Middle School in Fenton, has been selected to receive the "Glory of Missouri" Award for his accomplishments in the area of EQUALITY as defined by the intent of the Decorating Commission for the Capitol in 1922: "Equality as intended by the Missouri Legislature in 1922 was not about equality in ability, but that all are equal before the law and that the good sportsmanship or our people will see to it that no one loyal to the principles of our government shall be hindered in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness."; and

Whereas, the son of Salle Erickson and Jerry Erickson, Ron is a very gifted student who willingly shares his knowledge and skills with others in an equal fashion to assure group success as exemplified by the principles of our government which guarantee life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, Ron is admired and respected for his success in working with a team as well as for his personal achievements when enjoying computers, mechanics, and chemistry:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in commending Ronald T. Erickson for his noteworthy achievements in the pursuit of EQUALITY and in congratulating him at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; 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 Ronald T. Erickson, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
 Representative Rick Johnson
 District No. 90

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. ____, adopted _____, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker

