

House Resolution No. 781

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, these virtues are engraved in the House Chamber of the State Capitol 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" virtues were engraved in the early 1920s under the direction of the Decorating Commission, which recognized their relevance and importance to the early Missouri Legislature; 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, the future of Missouri; and

Whereas, Matthew Mills, a student at Oakville Middle School in the Mehlville School District, has been selected to receive the "Glory of Missouri" Award for his accomplishments in the area of CHARITY as defined by Webster's dictionary in 1926: "More generally, love; benevolence good will; affection an act or feeling of affection or benevolence. Charity is therefore a habit of good will in the soul, which disposes us to the love, assistance, and relief of mankind, especially of those who stand in need of it.";

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in commending Matthew Mills for his noteworthy achievements in the pursuit of "CHARITY", and in extending heartfelt congratulations to 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 Matthew Mills, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Carl H. Hendrickson
District No. 97

Representative Joan Barry
District No. 100

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. 781, adopted March 13, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker