

House Resolution No. 66

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud to recognize an outstanding individual who has brought exceptional dedication and steadfast commitment to the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

Whereas, Corrections Officer I John Wilson, Sr., of the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (WERDCC) in Vandalia, Missouri, will be presented the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award on January 28, 2003, at the WERDCC; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award recognizes and honors employees who have stepped in and taken extraordinary actions to save the lives of other persons, be it colleagues, visitors, or offenders, in the workplace; and

Whereas, on October 18, 2002, CO I Wilson observed an offender who appeared to be choking in the dining hall at the WERDCC, began administering first aid by applying abdominal thrusts, and finally managed to get the food item dislodged from the inmate's throat; and

Whereas, CO I Wilson's performance of his duties reflects the dedication, pride, and professionalism which he has brought to his many assignments since joining the Missouri Department of Corrections on March 13, 2000; and

Whereas, John Wilson, Sr., graduated from Hannibal Senior High School and dutifully served his country in the United States Army, where he distinguished himself as an expert marksman and talented pitcher for the fast pitch Army Softball Team; and

Whereas, the proud recipient of the December 2002 Customer Service Employee of the Month award, CO I Wilson considers himself most fortunate for the continual love and support of his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Rita; his two sons, James William Wilson and John Joseph Wilson, II; and his granddaughter, Emma Kathleen:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join together with Director Gary B. Kempker and the Missouri Department of Corrections in a thunderous round of applause for CO I John Wilson 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 Corrections Officer I John Wilson, Sr., of Hull, Illinois.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 66, adopted January 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker