

House Resolution No. 85

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State educational institutions which have demonstrated a long, positive relationship with surrounding communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, will host the town's 18th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebration on January 20, 2003, in Gano Chapel; and

Whereas, entitled "Remember! Celebrate! Act!: A Day On, Not A Day Off!", the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebration will feature the Reverend Julian Houston, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Liberty, as the guest speaker; and

Whereas, accompanying the Reverend Julian Houston will be the universally heralded William Jewell Concert Choir which will provide a stirring Martin Luther King, Jr., memorial in music and song; and

Whereas, Public Service Awards given to citizens who exemplify Dr. King's spirit will be presented to Libbie Wertz and Jan Venable for their work with Moms in Touch, Ira Hunter for his work with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ruth Emery for her work with the Clay County African-American Legacy Consortium, and to Lyndell Brenton for his work with the Liberty City Council; and

Whereas, Candice Maynard will receive the William Jewell Student Service Award, while "Caught in the Act-Doing the Right Thing" awards will be given by Liberty Alliance for Youth, Incorporated, to Ian Rebel, Erin Schneider, Mark Lawson, Aleks Nelson, and Chance Carlisle; and

Whereas, planning for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day was coordinated by the Liberty King Celebration Committee composed of Albert Byrd, Theresa Byrd, Dr. Cecelia Robinson, Ken Robinson, Harold Phillips, Dr. Ed Chasteen, Sam Houston, Dee Rosenkrans, Jim Dunn, and Kathleen Welton:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the hosting of civic Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebrations by William Jewell College and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest expression of appreciation for their willingness to offer respectful tribute to a civil rights leader who paid the ultimate price in improving society; 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 presentation to William Jewell College of Liberty, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Annie Reinhart
District No. 34

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. 85, adopted January 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker