

House Resolution No. 470

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have admirably dedicated their lives and energy to assisting others; and

Whereas, Steven Cohen of Ladue, Missouri, is an eighteen-year-old senior at Ladue Horton Watkins High School in St. Louis and one of two top youth volunteers in the state of Missouri to receive an annual Prudential Spirit of Community State Honoree Award in 2003; and

Whereas, selected on the basis of a community service partnership between his high school class and an organization that serves abused and neglected children, Steven Cohen will receive an engraved silver medallion, one thousand dollars, and a trip to Washington, D.C., in honor of his status as a State Honoree who urged classmates to lend assistance to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery and who co-founded a formal "Junior Board" which raised nearly one thousand dollars to purchase clothes, games, toys, and books for the children associated with the service organization; and

Whereas, now in its eighth year, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial companies, which offer a variety of insurance, mutual funds, retirement, and other related products and services, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders; and

Whereas, Steven Cohen was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award by Ladue Horton Watkins High School as one of 24,000 applicants submitted nationwide for this year's competitive program which values such outstanding criteria as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Steven Cohen as a Missouri State Honoree by the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he competes for additional national recognition in Washington, D.C., during May 3 to May 6, 2003; 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 in honor of Steven Cohen of Ladue Horton Watkins High School.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

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. 470, adopted February 24, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker