

## House Resolution No. 698

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to serving others; and

**Whereas**, Nicole Downs is a Learn and Serve student volunteer with the CODE Program in the Hickman Mills C-1 School District; and

**Whereas**, Nicole will receive a prestigious 2003 Lieutenant Governor's Service Award on Missouri Service Day, March 19, 2003, at a ceremony to be held at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, with a reputation for outstanding participation in national service, Nicole is admirably following the Department of Economic Development, Community Development Group, Missouri Community Service Commission, mandate to strengthen communities through citizen service; and

**Whereas**, Nicole has developed and maintained a significant roster of community-oriented activities during her five-year-long association with Learn and Service, including exceptional work with preschool children and a "Pocket Storytellers" literacy program, the Community Assistance Council's food and toys holiday program, military veterans, and the Missouri State Service Learning Advisory Council, for which she helps to produce a quarterly newsletter; and

**Whereas**, Nicole has a tremendous capacity for empathy and compassion, and has proven that exceptional youth can be of tremendous value to society, not just for their contributions in life, but also as an exemplary model for their friends to emulate; and

**Whereas**, Lieutenant Governor's Service Award honorees are selected from an exceptional pool of student volunteers who freely contribute their time and efforts to national service programs such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps/VISTA, or Learn and Service America:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the nomination and selection of Nicole Downs for a 2003 Lieutenant Governor's Service Award through Missouri Learn and Serve America and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes for continued achievement for many more years to come; 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 Nicole Downs of the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Vicki Walker  
District No. 50

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Representative Cathy Jolly  
District No. 45

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. 698, adopted March 5, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker