

## House Resolution No. 556

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State high school students who demonstrate tremendous promise as future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, Joplin High School students recently participated in a national project called We The People which is funded by the United States Department of Education through an Act of Congress; and

**Whereas**, the Center for Civic Education held We the People competitive events on January 27, 2003, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri, which were sponsored by The Missouri Bar and The Missouri Bar Advisory Committee on Citizenship Education and during which Joplin High School teams demonstrated their outstanding understanding of the democratic principles that underlie this nation's governmental structures; and

**Whereas**, the Joplin High School ninth-grade team earned considerable distinction by placing First in Unit 1 competition; and

**Whereas**, ninth-graders on the Joplin High School We the People team were admirably coached, trained, and inspired by faculty member William Keczkemethy of Joplin; and

**Whereas**, the ninth-grade team enjoyed considerable success based on the wholehearted contributions of students Elizabeth Arnold, Josiha Cherry, Cameron Covert, Candace Dalton, Preston Dickey-Jones, Kyle Ferguson, Alex Guilliams, Sara Hafner, Kari Hass, Holly Irwin, Andy Johnson, Amanda Johnson, Brittany Lesh, James Lesmeister, Sam Litteken, Martin Lopez, Kristina Lord, Melissa Moore, Jenifer Myers, Cody Norman, Tim Reed, Jared Sanders, Seth Schemahorn, Shannon Scott, Veronica Wicker, and Rachel Yarnell:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the preparation, time, and energy evinced by the students of Joplin High School who competed in the We the People project sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and the United States Department of Education under the authority of an Act of Congress, and to convey to each member of the freshman teams this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for their stellar successes; 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 the Joplin High School We the People competition participants.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Marilyn Ruestman  
District No. 131

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Representative Bryan P. Stevenson  
District No. 128

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Representative Ron Richard  
District No. 129

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. 556, adopted March 3, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker