

House Resolution No. 724

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize David "Dave" Fitzgerald, who is the proud recipient of a 2003 St. Charles County Heroes for Mental Health award; and

Whereas, the Crider Center for Mental Health will honor Dave Fitzgerald with the Mental Health Professional Leadership Award during a special presentation to be held March 7, 2003, at The Columns in St. Charles, Missouri; and

Whereas, Dave Fitzgerald is the Director of Pastoral Care at SSM St. Joseph Health Center, where his calm demeanor and caring nature often provide much-needed stability and comfort during stressful times; and

Whereas, Dave Fitzgerald often helps to de-escalate tense situations that occur naturally when the community works through difficult times such as the Floods of 1993, during which he worked tirelessly on the front lines of the disaster response team to assure that flood victims were well taken care of; and

Whereas, Dave Fitzgerald is a founding member of the St. Charles County Crisis Response Team, which was designed to provide the structure to pull together mental health services as part of a disaster response in the area; and

Whereas, although the St. Charles community has not yet had to activate the Crisis Response Team for its original purpose, schools and other community organizations have steadily mobilized the team in response to smaller-scale tragedies and traumatic situations; and

Whereas, Dave Fitzgerald is always willing to go and provide the help that is needed to survivors, classmates, families, and neighbors who are facing difficult situations, and continues to be a strong, quiet resource to the St. Charles community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dave Fitzgerald upon his most worthy receipt of the Mental Health Professional Leadership Award, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; 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 David Fitzgerald.

Offered by _____
Representative Carl Bearden
District No. 16

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. 724, adopted March 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker