

House Resolution No. 1954

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exceptional citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Brian L. Kozel deserves commendation for his well-deserved selection to receive a 2002 St. Charles Crime Stoppers Citizen of the Year award which will be presented to him on Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the Eleventh Annual Community Recognition Dinner at The Columns Banquet Center; and

Whereas, Brian Kozel will receive Crime Stoppers honors and accolades because of the central role he played in the successful recovery of a stolen purse; and

Whereas, on July 31, 2002, a woman with two young daughters was pushing her shopping cart through a Wal-Mart parking lot when a large male ran up to the group and grabbed the mother's purse from the front of the cart; and

Whereas, despite her fright, the woman began alerting other persons that her purse had just been stolen, including Brian Kozel who worked at a nearby business, heard the woman's plaintive cries, and observed a suspect running between cars on the parking lot with a purse in his possession; and

Whereas, with no regard for his own safety and without any hesitation, Brian Kozel began pursuing the suspected purse snatcher, shouting for him to drop the swiped possession, and following the thief into the parking lot of a Chevy's Restaurant where the larcenist discarded the ill-gotten materials and jumped into a waiting vehicle for a speedy, empty-handed getaway; and

Whereas, it is through the actions of citizens such as Brian Kozel that society is made safer and the criminal element is called to task for preying on the vast majority of an area's residents who are law-abiding and peaceful:

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 Brian Kozel for a 2002 St. Charles Crime Stoppers Citizen of the Year award and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his willingness to intervene on behalf of others in dangerous circumstances; 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 Brian Kozel, as an expression of our esteem for him and his civic contributions.

Offered by _____

Representative Tom Dempsey

District No. 18

Representative Thomas S. Green

District No. 15

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. 1954, adopted April 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker