

House Resolution No. 1956

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, Eric McMillan 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, Eric McMillan will receive Crime Stoppers honors and accolades because of the central role he played in apprehending a shoplifter who also attempted to assault a store manager; and

Whereas, on April 1, 2002, a shoplifting occurred at the MidTown IGA Store, during which the store manager attempted to confront the suspect; and

Whereas, as the suspect ran from the store, the manager gave chase and pursued the shoplifter for several blocks before finally catching up with him; and

Whereas, when the shoplifter turned violent and attempted to strike the store manager with his fists, Eric McMillan and another witness grabbed the suspect and restrained him on the ground until police arrived to arrest him; and

Whereas, subsequent police investigations uncovered the fact that the shoplifter was also wanted in the state of Virginia for sexual assault; and

Whereas, it is through the actions of citizens such as Eric McMillan 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 Eric McMillan 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 Eric McMillan, 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. 1956, adopted April 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker