

House Resolution No. 2139

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State governmental employees who have demonstrated unquestionable courage and astute decision-making abilities when faced with unexpected challenges and situations in life; and

Whereas, Matthew Parvin of Jefferson City, Missouri, is a Corrections Officer at the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on March 11, 2002, Officer Parvin has earned distinction for his activities while on duty during the afternoon of Sunday, December 29, 2002; and

Whereas, when alerted to a stabbing in Housing Unit 3A, Officer Parvin and four others responded to the scene to find a victim and a perpetrator who was still armed with an icepick-type weapon; and

Whereas, after two officers stepped between the offenders to stop the assault and another officer secured the victim and removed him from the scene, Officer Parvin and a colleague disarmed the second offender without serious injury to any of the involved parties; and

Whereas, the calm, timely, and skillful intervention in a dangerous situation in all likelihood saved the life of the stabbed offender and reflects great credit upon the training of Officer Parvin; and

Whereas, Officer Parvin will be recognized by the Missouri Department of Corrections on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, when it grants him a Director's Award of Valor for performing outstanding or heroic services, particularly in lifesaving or life-threatening situations; and

Whereas, the father of Christopher Parvin, Matthew Parvin also deserves note of his many other successes in life as a certified EMT who attended Longview Community College, earned EMT of the Year recognition in 1997, and joined Firefighters Association of Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Officer Matthew Parvin during Corrections Employee Week and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his unselfish actions on December 29, 2002, which undoubtedly saved a human life; 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 Corrections Officer Matthew Parvin of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Bill Deeken
 District No. 114

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. 2139, adopted April 23, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker