

House Resolution No. 2275

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, Phillip Rippering of Houston, Missouri, is a Corrections Officer I at the South Central Correctional Center; and

Whereas, initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on August 19, 1996, CO I Phillip Rippering has earned distinction for his activities while on duty during December 2002; and

Whereas, when an offender at the South Central Correctional Center was observed having a seizure in the gymnasium, CO I Phillip Rippering responded with a group of fellow officers and applied CPR before, during, and after ambulance transport of the victim to a local hospital; and

Whereas, although the offender did not recover from his medical emergency, the calm, timely, and skillful intervention by CO I Phillip Rippering in a dangerous situation demonstrated levels of dedication and professionalism which stand as appropriate standards for his colleagues to emulate; and

Whereas, CO I Phillip Rippering will be recognized by the Missouri Department of Corrections on Thursday, May 29, 2003, when it grants him a Lifesaver Award for going far beyond his regular duties at great personal risk to help avert a life-threatening situation; and

Whereas, CO I Phillip Rippering also deserves note of his many other successes in life which include college-level computer studies at Texas County Technical Institute, the rank of Third Degree in Knights of Columbus, participation on the Search Team; and a wonderful family composed of his wife, Karen; children, Michelle, Laura, Christopher, J.R., Caleb, and Nicholas; and grandchild, Trenton:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute CO I Phillip Rippering and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his unselfish actions during December 2002, when he strived to save 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 Department of Corrections Officer I Phillip Rippering of Houston, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Mark Hampton
 District No. 147

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. 2275, adopted April 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker