

House Resolution No. 2361

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge the good works of Show-Me State residents who have devoted themselves and their careers to public safety; and

Whereas, J. Kent Oberkrom has attained considerable distinction since he left the position of Chief Deputy Juvenile Officer for the 27th Judicial Circuit of Missouri to serve as Sheriff of Henry County in 1996; and

Whereas, reelected without opposition in 2000, Sheriff Kent Oberkrom has proven to be a top supporter of the anti-drug DARE student program in Henry County; and

Whereas, holder of a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Sheriff Kent Oberkrom also deserves note of his stellar record of community involvement which has included membership in the Clinton Rotary Club and American Heart Association; service as president of F.A.I.T.H., Incorporated, and the Clinton School Board, as a Base Line Instructor, and as Advisor to Clinton Law Enforcement Explorer Post 2898; and work with the Boy Scouts of America program, through which he rose to the rank of Eagle Scout and Tribe of Mic-O-Say Shaman; and

Whereas, Sheriff Kent Oberkrom has received numerous honors and accolades, including the Lone Bear District Award of Merit in 1983 from the Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America, National Child Safety Council 20-Year Award, Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal in 1998, Clinton Mid Day Optimist Friend of Youth Award in 1991 and 1992, Certificate of Merit from the Missouri Association of Counties, and Henry County University Extension Leader of the Year award in 1993; and

Whereas, Sheriff Kent Oberkrom is the beloved husband of Diane E. Oberkrom; loving father of Stephanie, Melissa, and Jennifer; wonderful grandfather of Wesley and Anessa; son of the late Sam and Pat Oberkrom; and brother to Barry and John:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the unparalleled support of Sheriff Kent Oberkrom for the DARE educational program in Henry County and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for exceptional personal and career success now and in the future; 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 Sheriff J. Kent Oberkrom, as an expression of our respect and esteem for him and his work.

Offered by _____
 Representative Shannon Cooper
 District No. 120

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. 2361, adopted April 30, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker