

Whereas, created during the 1962-63 academic year, the Criminal Justice Department at Central Missouri State University is one of the oldest criminal justice degree programs in the nation and is among the largest and most highly recognized in the nation; and

Whereas, criminal justice alumni are members of numerous police and corrections agencies, social services agencies, judges, attorneys, professors, private security providers, members of the United States Armed Services, and approximately 400 chief administrators in all parts of the world; and

Whereas, the faculty of the Criminal Justice Department is composed of highly qualified and dedicated individuals who possess the necessary education and experience to present both the theoretical and practical aspects of criminal justice and regularly serve as consultants to criminal justice agencies at the local, state, and federal levels, providing expertise and training in all facets of criminal justice; and

Whereas, criminal justice students who are members of the American Criminal Justice Association have consistently excelled in regional and national competitions, winning the 2003 National Competition held in Orlando, Florida; and

Whereas, criminal justice students who are members of the Mock Trial Team successfully competed in their regional competition and were awarded a bid to the 2003 national competition; and

Whereas, the Criminal Justice Department hosts the Pre-Law Students Association, composed of students interested in legal careers, many of whom pursue law school educations; and regularly facilitates a session of the Missouri Court of Appeals, making Central Missouri State University the only non-law school campus hosting hearings of the Court; and

Whereas, the Criminal Justice Department sponsors one of the original chapters of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, and the Student Correctional Association, the only student affiliated chapter of the American Correctional Association; and

Whereas, the Criminal Justice Department's Institute of Justice and International Studies facilitates interaction between students, faculty members and practitioners from around the world, having recently hosted the 2003 International Conference on Counter-Terrorism & Civil Liberties; and

Whereas, the Criminal Justice Department's National Police Institute operates one of Missouri's certified law enforcement academies, meeting the needs of police officers and administrators through basic law enforcement and in-service training; and

Whereas, the Criminal Justice department has vigorously pursued development of distance learning programs providing education and degree opportunities to criminal justice personnel and members of the United States Armed Forces worldwide:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in recognizing May 1, 2003, as Criminal Justice Day at Central Missouri State University on the occasion of its Fortieth Anniversary; 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 Central Missouri State University.

Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

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. 2314, adopted April 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker