

House Resolution No. 2359

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud to recognize an outstanding Missourian who has brought exceptional dedication and commitment to the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

Whereas, Corrections Officer I Lawrence Lewis, Sr., of the Missouri State Penitentiary will be presented with the Missouri Department of Corrections Director's Award of Valor during a special presentation to be held May 6, 2003, at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Corrections Director's Award of Valor is given to Department employees who have performed outstanding acts of heroism, especially in those situations where lives have been threatened or saved; and

Whereas, on December 29, 2002, CO I Lewis and four other corrections officers responded to a stabbing in Housing Unit 3A where they found an offender who was assaulting another inmate with an icepick-type weapon; and

Whereas, while another officer secured the victim and removed him from the scene, CO I Lewis and another officer disarmed the other offender and secured him without serious injury to any of the involved parties; and

Whereas, CO I Lewis' performance of his duties reflects the dedication, pride, and professionalism which he has brought to his many assignments since joining the Department of Corrections on March 11, 2002; and

Whereas, CO I Lewis has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Malinda; his seven children, Lawrence Lewis, Jr., Aaron Lewis, Jason Lewis, Ryan Lewis, Miranda Vandergriff, Nichole Vandergriff, and William Wyrick; and his grandson, Austin Michael:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join together with Director Gary B. Kempker and the Missouri Department of Corrections in a thunderous round of applause for CO I Lawrence Lewis at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; 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 Corrections Officer I Lawrence Lewis, Sr., of Owensville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Merrill M. Townley
District No. 112

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. 2359, adopted April 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker