

## House Resolution No. 2545

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding young Missouri citizen who is to be commended for the heroism and bravery he displayed during what could have been a life-threatening situation; and

**Whereas**, Jamie Houk, a senior at Fair Play High School in Fair Play, Missouri, was one of a dozen students traveling on a school bus when its driver lost consciousness while transporting the youngsters from the Dallas County Vo-Tech School in Louisburg back to Fair Play High School; and

**Whereas**, students realized the driver was unconscious as the bus crossed Jefferson Bridge, which crosses Pomme de Terre River on Rt. D north of Bolivar, and drifted across the center line before striking the guard rail on the bridge; and

**Whereas**, Jamie Houk reacted quickly get control of the swerving bus by grabbing the steering wheel, while another student worked to dislodge the bus driver's foot from the gas pedal; and

**Whereas**, Jamie Houk and two other students were able to successfully bring the bus to a stop before performing CPR on the bus driver and calling 911 for help; and

**Whereas**, Missouri State Highway Patrolman Terry Mast, who investigated the incident, plans to nominate Jamie Houk for the Missouri State Highway Patrol Honorary Trooper Award; and

**Whereas**, although the driver of the bus later died from an apparent heart attack, Jamie Houk was instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow students as well as his own; and

**Whereas**, students, faculty, and staff at Fair Play High School, parents, and the entire community of Fair Play are exceedingly proud of Jamie Houk, a remarkable young man whose courage and heroism have earned him the praise and respect of all those who know and love him:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jamie Houk at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to serve as a shining example to others; 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 Jamie Houk, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ronnie Miller  
District No. 133

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. 2545, adopted May 6, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker