

House Resolution No. 2555

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives has tremendous esteem for those Show-Me State students who have attained notable accomplishments that promise to serve them in good stead as they continue to grow, mature, and learn to be good citizens who will one day take their rightful places as productive, adult members of society; and

Whereas, Derek Buchman is a seventh grade student at Savannah Middle School in Savannah, Missouri; and

Whereas, a valued participant in The FreeWay Project, Derek Buchman has distinguished himself as the designer of an award-winning poster in the organization's annual Coloring/Poster contest; and

Whereas, illustrating the concept of "Drug Free and Strong in America", Derek Buchman submitted his poster in the Seventh-Grader Contest sponsored by The FreeWay Project, which seeks to train students in the life skills necessary to enable them to make drug-free, violence-free choices; and

Whereas, FreeWay life skills include adoption of the Values of liberty based on equality, truth, and justice; Self-esteem founded on a healthy and balanced view of personal worth; Coping abilities to skillfully handle difficult situations; Problem-solving processes to find solutions to life's dilemmas; Communications that involve active listening and sharing thoughts and feelings; Conflict resolution that is non-violent and peaceful in the settling of disagreements; Decision-making choices that wisely evaluate possible consequences; and Natural highs that involve the use of leisure time to enjoy life without chemicals; and

Whereas, Derek Buchman will receive a certificate and cash award on Friday, May 9, 2003, at a ceremony to be conducted in the state capitol Rotunda:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to congratulate Derek Buchman for completing an award-winning poster in The FreeWay Project's annual competition and to commend him for his decision to emphasize positive choices in his life through the training he is receiving in Savannah schools; 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 Derek Buchman of Savannah Middle School at Savannah, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Rob Schaaf
 District No. 28

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. 2555, adopted May 6, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker