

House Resolution No. 4025

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding young Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his peers; and

Whereas, Ethan Hampton of Festus, Missouri, has been chosen to receive the prestigious George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, a national fraternal organization; and

Whereas, Ethan Hampton is one of only one hundred recipients to earn the George Washington Honor Medal, and is quite possibly the youngest award recipient in the organization's history; and

Whereas, Ethan Hampton has brought much love and happiness into the lives of sick children through his "Joy Cart", which he fills with a wide variety of donated toys that he takes to the children he visits at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis; and

Whereas, Ethan Hampton was inspired to make his Joy Cart by Jarrett Mynear, a thirteen-year-old boy whose own experiences with hospitals and illness had led him to deliver toys to sick children at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital in Lexington until cancer took his life in 2002; and

Whereas, news of Ethan's Joy Cart has spread to many media sources throughout the country, and has inspired others to donate to this most worthy cause; and

Whereas, Ethan Hampton will receive the George Washington Honor Medal during a very special presentation and luncheon to be held November 11, 2003, at Gatesworth Retirement Center; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of the Wayne B. McClellan Youth Achievement Award, Ethan Hampton is a remarkable young man who has achieved all of this and more with the love and support of his wonderful parents, Wade and Debbie Hampton of Festus:

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 Ethan Hampton upon his most worthy receipt of the George Washington Honor Medal, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to make a difference in the lives of the children he serves; 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 Ethan Hampton.

Offered by _____
Representative Belinda Harris
District No. 110

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. 4025, adopted September 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker