

House Resolution No. 459

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism and courage while fulfilling their duties as state employees; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Cody Ross is a Corrections Officer III at the Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron, Missouri; and

Whereas, on Friday, February 27, 2004, Lieutenant Cody Ross will receive a Missouri Department of Corrections Director's Award of Valor for heroic services in light of his leadership actions on October 30, 2003, while on duty; and

Whereas, during the evening mainline movement involving several hundred inmates going to and from dining halls, Lieutenant Ross was approached by an offender who indicated that he wanted to talk; and

Whereas, when the offender produced a homemade weapon fashioned from a belt and a padlock and then violently struck Lieutenant Cody Ross in the face, several corrections officers intervened; and

Whereas, despite serious injuries that would later require reconstructive surgery, Lieutenant Ross maintained his composure and coordinated the placement of additional staff to provide security and to closely monitor the remainder of the evening mainline movement; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Ross was initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on June 24, 1991; and

Whereas, Cody Ross is the beloved husband of Dana Ross; the loving father of Ryan, Michael, and Carrie; and the stepfather of Tracey;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Lieutenant Cody Ross and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his unselfish actions on October 30, 2003, which maintained order at a potentially volatile time and undoubtedly saved the lives of fellow corrections officers and of those incarcerated for earlier crimes; 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 in honor of Corrections Officer III Cody Ross of Crossroads Correctional Center.

Offered by _____
 Representative James O. Guest
 District No. 5

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 459, adopted February 9, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker