

## House Resolution No. 2127

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have admirably dedicated their lives and energy to assisting others; and

**Whereas**, Leah Swaney of Columbia, Missouri, is a seventeen-year-old senior at Rock Bridge High School and one of six top youth volunteers in the state of Missouri to receive an annual Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist Award in 2004; and

**Whereas**, selected on the basis of her compassion for the local Hispanic community, Leah Swaney will receive an engraved bronze medallion in honor of her status as a state Distinguished Finalist who organized a one-day dental clinic for low-income residents at which they received a dental exam, dental care information, and free toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss; and

**Whereas**, now in its ninth year, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

**Whereas**, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial companies, which offer a variety of insurance, mutual funds, retirement, and other related products and services, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders; and

**Whereas**, Leah Swaney was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award by Rock Bridge High School as one of 20,000 applicants submitted nationwide for this year's competitive program which values such outstanding criteria as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Leah Swaney as a Missouri Distinguished Finalist by the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; 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 Leah Swaney of Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Chuck Graham  
District No. 24

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. 2127, adopted April 26, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker