

House Resolution No. 1443

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative duties in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of such stellar Show-Me State youths as Zachary Praiswater of Platte City; and

Whereas, Zachary Praiswater has attained considerable distinction as a diligent student at Platte County R-III High School, an educational institution which educates nearly seven hundred students through the skills, knowledge, and leadership of more than fifty certificated staffers; and

Whereas, Zachary Praiswater recently enhanced his outstanding record of accomplishments when he took the top place in the Voice of Democracy essay contest held by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4055; and

Whereas, the Voice of Democracy audio essay contest is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades nine through twelve the opportunity to record a three-to-five-minute-long, theme-based essay expressing their views on responsibility to country; and

Whereas, the 2003-2004 theme for the fifty-seven-year-old Voice of Democracy essay contest was “My Commitment to America’s Future”; and

Whereas, in his role as Post 4055 winner, Zachary Praiswater could go on to compete at the District, State, and National levels of competition; and

Whereas, students who participated in the 2003-2004 Voice of Democracy event submitted entries from all fifty VFW State Departments and the organization’s Pacific, Europe, and Latin America/Caribbean Departments; and

Whereas, the national finalist in the Voice of Democracy competition receives a college scholarship which is valued at \$25,000 and which pays for tuition, books, laboratory fees, or other items related specifically to the student’s formal education at an American university, college, or vocational/technical school of the winner’s choice:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the impressive achievements associated thus far with the hard work, determination, thoughtfulness, and dedication of Zachary Praiswater and to convey to him this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations for winning the Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4055 and our best wishes for many more successes to come in life; 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 presentation to Zachary Praiswater of Platte City, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Jason Brown

District No. 30

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. 1443, adopted April 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker