

## House Resolution No. 1435

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to celebrate milestone events which occur in the lives of Show-Me State youths who have admirably demonstrated their potential as future societal leaders through the extraordinary nature of their accomplishments thus far in life; and

**Whereas**, Melissa Raltson has attained considerable distinction as a sophomore at Joplin High School who has challenged herself through taking care of her younger siblings when they resided in the same household, committing herself to graduating with the best grades possible, and preparing for the future by dedicating herself to a plan of study that includes college; and

**Whereas**, in addition to the high academic standards which she has set for herself, Melissa Raltson has devoted an impressive amount of time and energy to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Melissa Raltson has enhanced her already impressive record of personal achievements through her selection as Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Melissa Raltson was chosen for Youth of the Year honors in part because of her longstanding activities with Saint Paul's United Methodist Church; the True Love Waits movement; Joplin schools' Color Guard, Winter Guard, and Band; Keystone Club, which she serves as vice president; and the Job Ready Program; and

**Whereas**, Melissa Raltson is universally praised at Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Missouri for accepting leadership duties and responsibilities; working on behalf of the Clubs; and standing up for what is right, moral, and just, even if everybody else chooses an easier path:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Melissa Raltson as the Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Missouri and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest 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 for Melissa Raltson.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Marilyn Ruestman, Dist. #131

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Representative Steve Hunter, Dist. #127

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Representative Bryan Stevenson, Dist. #128

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Representative Ron Richard, Dist. #129

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Representative Kevin Wilson, Dist. #130

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. 1435, adopted April 5, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker