

## House Resolution No. 1764

**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 herself as a leader of her peers; and

**Whereas**, Samantha Schaefer, a resident of Ferguson, Missouri, recently won an essay contest in recognition of National D.A.R.E. Day which was held on April 8, 2004, at the State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

**Whereas**, 36 million school children around the world, including 26 million in the United States, will benefit from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) this year; and

**Whereas**, D.A.R.E. gives children the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence; and

**Whereas**, founded in 1983 in Los Angeles, California, D.A.R.E. has proven to be so successful that it is now implemented in over seventy-five percent of this nation's school districts and in fifty-two countries around the world; and

**Whereas**, Samantha Schaefer is an exceptional fifth grade student at Central Elementary School, where she is admired by teachers and students alike and does her best to lead the kind of life that others will strive to follow; and

**Whereas**, Samantha Schaefer has been blessed with the love and support of her wonderful parents, Steve and Ruth Schaefer, both of whom have continually instilled within her the desire to realize her full potential:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Samantha Schaefer, a remarkable young lady who continues to serve as a shining example and role model for those who know and love her; 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 Samantha Schaefer, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Matt Muckler  
District No. 70

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. 1764, adopted April 15, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker