

## House Resolution No. 4864

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to salute an outstanding Missouri citizen who was recently welcomed home to southwest Missouri after sustaining injuries during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

**Whereas**, Sergeant Derick Hurt of Greenfield, Missouri, landed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., after an attack was made on his unit in Mosul on September 13, 2003; and

**Whereas**, an infantryman with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division unit, Sergeant Hurt had been performing military police duties in the Iraqi city of Mosul since May 2003 when he found himself in the middle of a grenade attack that shattered his right leg; and

**Whereas**, following the attack, Sergeant Hurt later learned that two grenades thrown from a roof had landed in front of his unarmored Humvee and bounced against its underside, exploding underneath the vehicle; and

**Whereas**, the proud recipient of several honors and awards including the Purple Heart, Sergeant Hurt is glad to be home and continues to make progress each day; and

**Whereas**, in a time of uncertainty, it is comforting to know that there are dedicated individuals such as Sergeant Hurt who will fight for the rights and freedom of all Americans through their selfless acts of courage and their firm belief in liberty and justice for all:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Sergeant Derick Hurt for the tremendous sacrifices he made for this country while serving in Iraq, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; 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 Sergeant Derick Hurt, as a mark of our great esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Emery  
District No. 126

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4864, adopted December 17, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker