

House Resolution No. 1794

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners and future society leaders through the excellence of their achievements thus far in life as students; and

Whereas, Meghan Antonetti of Overland, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a student at Ritenour High School in the Ritenour School District of Saint Louis; and

Whereas, recently Meghan Antonetti enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she traveled to Washington, D.C., to serve as a youth spokesperson on behalf of increased funding for research into the autoimmune disease known as scleroderma; and

Whereas, scleroderma affects approximately 300,000 persons in the United States through the overproduction of collagen which results in hardened arteries, tightened and thickened skin, and problems with internal organs; and

Whereas, the first and only junior advocate for the Missouri chapter of the Scleroderma foundation, Meghan Antonetti became involved with educational efforts concerning scleroderma because of her grandmother's struggles with the disease during the past ten years; and

Whereas, Meghan Antonetti also helps her grandmother in such practical ways as cleaning her house each week because scleroderma can have a weakening effect on its victims; and

Whereas, Meghan Antonetti is the beloved daughter of Meredith and Jerry Antonetti, both of whom are justifiably proud of her compassionate activities:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the activism embodied in the work and travels of Meghan Antonetti and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt 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 Meghan Antonetti of Overland, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Barbara Wall Fraser
District No. 83

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1794, adopted April 5, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker