

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in recognizing those governmental employees who have brought honor to the Show-Me State through their professionalism and willingness to intervene in life-threatening situations; and

Whereas, Corrections Officer I Bruce Wilson of Richwoods, Missouri, will be awarded the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award during ceremonies to be held on August 18, 2004, at the Missouri Eastern Correctional Center in Pacific, Missouri; and

Whereas, one day while on duty at the Missouri Eastern Correctional Center, CO I Wilson played an instrumental role in saving the life of an inmate in his assigned unit who had a history of mental health issues; and

Whereas, CO I Wilson observed the offender on the top walk in his wing and sensed immediately that something was wrong, at which time he went to the inmate and asked him if something was wrong, to which the offender stated that he was going to jump; and

Whereas, the inmate then placed himself in position to jump while CO I Wilson tried to talk him down to no avail; and

Whereas, when the inmate jumped, CO I Wilson caught him before he hit the floor and had all the lifesaving methods ready in case the offender went into shock; and

Whereas, CO I Wilson's actions in this situation went above and beyond the normal expectations of correctional staff; and

Whereas, Bruce Wilson has also enjoyed recognition by earning a college degree in automotive technology and serving in the United States Army, during which time he received several honors, a few of which include six Good Conduct Medals, an Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, a National Defense Service Medal, an Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, a Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, and a Humanitarian Service Medal; and

Whereas, Bruce Wilson has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Sybilla Wilson; one son, Bruce L. Wilson, Jr.; and one stepdaughter, Stephanie Daffner:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the training and practices of Bruce Wilson and to congratulate him upon his well-deserved selection for the Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; 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 Bruce Wilson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Belinda Harris
District No. 110

Representative Tim Meadows
District No. 101

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. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker