

## House Resolution No. 4178

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State governmental employees who demonstrate the highest standards of conduct and performance as they fulfill their assigned duties and responsibilities; and

**Whereas**, Michael Blegen of Independence, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an Investigator II with the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

**Whereas**, on August 22, 2005, Officer Michael Blegen will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he receives the Director's Award of Valor from the Missouri Department of Corrections in light of his activities while at work on February 21, 2005; and

**Whereas**, Officer Michael Blegen and a second officer from the Missouri Probation and Parole Fugitive Unit were completing surveillance of a parole absconder when a Kansas City Police Department radio dispatch mentioned a nearby pursuit by an officer who was incommunicado; and

**Whereas**, when he responded to the scene, Officer Michael Blegen discovered a police vehicle and a second vehicle engulfed in smoke, used Taser cartridges on the ground, and an injured officer with a dislocated shoulder struggling with a suspect; and

**Whereas**, the quick, astute, and highly professional actions of Officer Michael Blegen played a crucial role in averting what could have been a tragic outcome to the situation when he prevented the suspect from fleeing, performed first aid on the injured officer, and relayed vital information to paramedics; and

**Whereas**, initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on April 19, 1993, Officer Michael Blegen is a member of Probation and Parole District 4R in Kansas City and the Fugitive Unit of the FBI Task Force:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the diverse professional activities of Officer Michael Blegen, to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon his selection for a Department of Corrections Director's Award of Valor, and to express our sincerest best wishes for continued personal and professional 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 presentation to Michael Blegen of Independence, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Curt Dougherty  
District No. 53

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. 4178, adopted August 15, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker