

House Resolution No. 4576

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, Tonya Fielder of Laddonia, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Corrections Officer I with the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

Whereas, on Thursday, December 16, 2004, CO I Tonya Fielder will enhance her already impressive record of achievement when she receives a Lifesaver Award from the Missouri Department of Corrections in light of her activities while at work on August 8, 2004, at the Women's Eastern Reception and Diagnostic Center in Vandalia; and

Whereas, after distributing lunch trays in housing unit 5A, CO I Tonya Fielder received an intercom call for assistance from an offender who would not verbally respond, but instead kept pressing the intercom button; and

Whereas, CO I Tonya Fielder recognized that this behavior did not match the offender's established patterns, went to the inmate's cell to discover her choking, and applied abdominal thrusts until food was expelled and the woman could breathe again; and

Whereas, the quick, astute, and highly professional actions of CO I Tonya Fielder played a crucial role in getting proper medical treatment for the offender and averted what could have been a tragic outcome to that day's noon meal; and

Whereas, initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on November 6, 1997, CO I Tonya Fielder has received two Dudley awards; and

Whereas, CO I Tonya Fielder is the loving mother of Larin Fielder and a member of the Community R-VI PTO and the Laddonia Athletic Association:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the diverse professional activities of Corrections Officer Tonya Fielder, to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon her selection for a Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award, 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 Tonya Fielder of Laddonia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

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. 4576, adopted December 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker