

## House Resolution No. 4580

**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**, Associate Superintendent Larry Wilson of Ashland, Missouri, will be awarded the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award during ceremonies to be held on December 13, 2004, at the Department of Corrections Central Office in Jefferson City; and

**Whereas**, on September 30, 2004, a car carrying a young mother and her infant child veered off of Highway 63 just south of Columbia, hit a concrete overpass bridge, and overturned on its top; and

**Whereas**, Associate Superintendent Larry Wilson and Parole Analyst Mike Davis came upon the accident and stopped to assist, at which time they found the mother and her child trapped inside the car which was beginning to smoke; and

**Whereas**, Associate Superintendent Larry Wilson immediately began searching the area in an attempt to recover anything that might help identify the woman and make it easier to communicate with her, while Parole Analyst Mike Davis courageously positioned himself beside the car and made an effort to open the door; and

**Whereas**, Parole Analyst Mike Davis and some other people at the scene found a crowbar and began an unsuccessful attempt to pry the car doors open; and

**Whereas**, with the smoke getting thicker, fire department personnel arrived and began to open the car using the Jaws of Life, all the while Associate Superintendent Larry Wilson and Parole Analyst Mike Davis continued their efforts to open the car doors and keep the mother calm; and

**Whereas**, although the infant died and the mother was severely injured, the efforts made by Associate Superintendent Larry Wilson and Parole Analyst Mike Davis were heroic as they were near enough to the car that an explosion could have killed them; and

**Whereas**, Larry Wilson has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Joan Wilson; and two children, Emily and Patrick Wilson:

**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 Associate Superintendent Larry Wilson and to congratulate him upon his well-deserved selection to receive 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 Associate Superintendent Larry Wilson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Chuck Graham  
District No. 24

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. 4580, adopted December 2, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker