

House Resolution No. 846

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Chris Leslie of Nixa, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a split-shift bus driver for City Utilities in the nearby town of Springfield; and

Whereas, on February 13, 2007, Chris Leslie had stopped his bus to allow passengers to disembark on Sunshine Street when a three-year-old girl stepped off the bus with a cheerful "Bye" while her mother maneuvered a stroller; and

Whereas, when the child immediately stepped out into traffic, Chris Leslie jumped from his seat, exited the bus, and grabbed the girl while other vehicles were making emergency stops to avoid hitting the child; and

Whereas, the astute, quick actions of Chris Leslie prevented the young girl from being hit by a vehicle on one of Springfield's busiest streets; and

Whereas, Chris Leslie's excellent job performance, good attendance, impressive attitude, and accident-free driving record were previously recognized when he was selected by his peers as the 2006 Driver of the Year for Springfield City Utilities; and

Whereas, Chris Leslie is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Cara and the loving father of two-year-old Hannah; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Chris Leslie at momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered by Chris Leslie during his eight years as a bus driver with Springfield's City Utilities and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his actions that prevented serious injury or death for a three-year-old child who had stepped into a heavily traveled city roadway; 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 Chris Leslie of Nixa, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

Representative Jay Wasson
District No. 141

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 846, adopted March 1, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker