

House Resolution No. 1024

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased to recognize those outstanding Missourians who go out of their way to help others in need during extraordinary situations; and

Whereas, Norman "Rick" Baker, an esteemed resident of Blue Springs, Missouri, is to be commended for his heroic actions in response to a fatal car accident that occurred June 2, 2006, in Benton County; and

Whereas, Rick Baker was on a fishing trip when he came upon a fatal car crash, at which time he immediately stopped his car and called for help; and

Whereas, Rick Baker witnessed that the driver of the vehicle, Carol Grout, had been killed in the accident, and quickly located five-year-old Dalton Cross in the back seat; and

Whereas, while waiting for emergency personnel to arrive, Rick Baker administered first aide to Dalton and talked with him about his family, gaining valuable information that would eventually lead to the contact of Dalton's other family members; and

Whereas, Rick Baker stayed with Dalton and assured him that everything would be alright, eliminating the child's fears and helping him to cope with the tragedy before him until the ambulance crew and life flight removed him from the scene of the accident and transported him to Children's Mercy Hospital by helicopter:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Rick Baker for his generosity and willingness to stop and help two strangers during their most desperate time of need, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who know and love him; 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 Norman "Rick" Baker.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54

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. 1024, adopted March 6, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker