

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State youths who have admirably demonstrated their potential as lifelong learners and future societal leaders through the excellence of their accomplishments as students; and

**Whereas**, Bennett Holden has attained considerable distinction as a twelfth-grade student from Saint Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Bennett Holden recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he earned Second Place in Level 3 of the 2007 Letters About Literature essay contest sponsored by the Missouri Center for the Book, the Missouri State Library, the Library of Congress, and Target Stores; and

**Whereas**, the second-place entry of Bennett Holden consisted of a letter to author Phillip Pullman that explained how His Dark Materials changed his view of the world or of himself as a person; and

**Whereas**, challenged by the Letters About Literature essay contest to explore his personal response to a book, Bennett Holden then successfully expressed those responses in a creative, original way; and

**Whereas**, Bennett Holden and eleven other Letters About Literature winners from across the state will receive well-deserved public recognition on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, in the centrally-located Missouri state capital of Jefferson City; and

**Whereas**, part of the public recognition ceremony will be the reading of winning letters by their young authors; and

**Whereas**, each of the twelve young award-winning letter writers also will receive a Certificate and a cash prize in light of their outstanding accomplishment:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the achievements garnered thus far in life by Bennett Holden and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon taking Second Place in the 2007 Letters About Literature essay contest and our sincerest best wishes for continued personal and academic 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 in honor of Bennett Holden, son of Amanda Berry and Raymond Holden of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Rachel Storch  
 District No. 64

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. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker