

House Resolution No. 1921

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Jessica Gump of O'Fallon, Missouri, has unstintingly given of her time, energy, and effort to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis awareness, education, and fund-raising efforts since she was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a progressive neuromuscular disorder that occurs when motor nerve cells cease to function; and

Whereas, while in most cases a person's mind remains sharp and alert, voluntary muscle control becomes lost, often resulting in paralysis; and

Whereas, Jessica Gump has raised funds for the ALS Association to help financially support research to find a cure for Lou Gehrig's Disease, for which now there is no known cause, cure, or means of prevention; and

Whereas, Jessica Gump attended the National ALS Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., in 2007, participated with her family in the Walk to D'Feet ALS, corresponds with other ALS patients to share information, tips, and support, and was the honoree at a golf tournament hosted by her employer to raise awareness of the disease and funds for research; and

Whereas, Jessica Gump is a beloved wife and the loving mother of two children, ages three and five; and

Whereas, since becoming disabled with ALS, Jessica Gump has been able to continue working four days a week for a reinsurance company:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Jessica Gump for an ALS Voice of Courage Award from the ALS Association and to convey to her this legislative body's warmest welcome to the state capitol on April 24, 2007; 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 Jessica Gump of O'Fallon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Doug Funderburk
District No. 12

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. 1921, adopted April 16, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker