

## House Resolution No. 1828

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, DeAndre Gates, of St. Louis, Missouri, has received an Honorable Mention in the Level III category in the 2007 Letters About Literature statewide essay contest, which drew submissions over twenty-two hundred Missouri students; and

**Whereas**, there are three competition levels: Level I for children in grades four through six, Level II for grades seven through eight, and Level III for grades nine through twelve; and

**Whereas**, Letters About Literature is sponsored by the Missouri Center for the Book, the Missouri State Library, the Library of Congress, and Target Stores; and

**Whereas**, DeAndre Gates, an eleventh-grade student at Jennings Senior High School, in Jennings, Missouri, will be honored at an awards ceremony to be held in Jefferson City on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center; and

**Whereas**, to enter the contest, students write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves, encouraging young readers to explore their personal responses to books and then express those responses in a creative, original way:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to DeAndre Gates on his accomplishment; 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 DeAndre Gates.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Gina Walsh  
District No. 69

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. 1828, adopted April 10, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker