

House Resolution No. 4079

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause from time to time to recognize individuals who have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, the members now pause to recognize Master Chief Vincent W. Patton, MCPOCG, USCG Retired, currently Director of Community Outreach for Military.com, responsible for executing the company's grassroots outreach marketing program, oversight of the installation ambassadors program, and maintaining a close liaison with contacts at all levels in the military community; and

Whereas, a resident of Alexandria, Virginia, Master Chief Patton is recognized by his peers, family, friends and colleagues for his distinguished and unparalleled service to the Coast Guard, for providing guidance and assistance to Missouri Veterans in creating resumes that effectively translate their military skills into a format easily comprehended by civilian employers, and for his unwavering and consistent support to the members of the Missouri national Guard as Director of Community Outreach for Military Advantage; and

Whereas, Master Chief Patton is the proud recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, eight Meritorious Team awards, and nine Coast Guard Good Conduct awards, in addition to the Cutterman's insignia and the coveted "Parachutist Wings" specialty badge for completing ten combat jumps during his military career; and

Whereas, Master Chief Patton served as the 8th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from May 1998 until his retirement from more than 30 years of active service in November 2002, and his illustrious career included staff and operational assignments throughout the country, both afloat and ashore; and

Whereas, Master Chief Patton received his doctorate of education degree from American University, a master's degree in counseling psychology at Loyola University at Chicago, a B.S. in social work from Shaw College and a B.A. in communication from Pacific College; and

Whereas, Master Chief Patton's extensive military education includes the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, and the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy, and he is a member of the Joint Military Intelligence College Board of Visitors, and serves on the editorial advisory board of the U. S. Naval Institute as well as a board positions on number of nonprofit organizations; and

Whereas, Master Chief Patton is blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family, which includes his wife, Joyce Aivalotis, a United States Coast Guard officer, and they are the proud parents of Amberleigh Patton and Nick Patton:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Master Chief Patton for his devoted service to the state of Missouri and to his nation; 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 Master Chief Vincent W. Patton.

Offered by _____
 Representative Bill Deeken
 District No. 114

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. 4079, adopted June 19, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker