

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their accomplishments in the field of public safety; and

Whereas, Doug Ott of Arnold, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a firefighter with the Rock Community Fire Protection District, a vocational calling that he began in 1999 as a volunteer who then became a full-time, paid staffer in 2002; and

Whereas, on May 21, 2007, firefighter Doug Ott enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was presented with a Bronze Medallion of Valor from the Rock Community Fire Protection District in light of his heroic lifesaving activities on March 28, 2007; and

Whereas, after a teenager attempted to cross the Meramec River behind Fox High School in Arnold, Doug Ott responded to the scene with three other firefighters and two police officers; and

Whereas, when the teen couldn't be rescued with a rod and rope, Doug Ott took the rope and swam to the sixteen-year-old boy's location to retrieve him; and

Whereas, after Doug Ott reached the struggling youth and ensured his safety, a passerby in a boat took the youth and his rescuer to nearby Hollywood Beach; and

Whereas, Doug Ott is only the third Bronze Medallion of Valor recipient in the past thirty years in the Rock Community Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, twenty-nine-year-old Doug Ott comes from a family of Rock Community Fire Protection District firefighters that include his father, uncle, brother, and cousin:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the bravery and professionalism embodied by firefighter Doug Ott and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon his receipt of a Bronze Medallion of Valor from the Rock Community Fire Protection District; 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 Doug Ott of Arnold, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Tim Meadows
District No. 101

Representative Jeff Roorda
District No. 102

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.

Rod Jetton, Speaker