

House Resolution No. 4815

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State local government agencies that admirably enhance the quality of life in communities throughout the state through the excellence of their public safety activities; and

Whereas, the Fire Department in Mount Vernon, Missouri, attained considerable distinction when it worked cooperatively with other government agencies to rescue persons trapped by flash floods after a storm dumped up to a foot of rain in the early morning hours of August 20, 2007, according to the National Weather Service; and

Whereas, north-south highways and byways in Lawrence County became treacherous due to flood waters in low-lying areas on that date; and

Whereas, a woman from Mount Vernon, Missouri, and a man from Mount Vernon, Missouri, spent two hours in the cold and dirty flood waters after having their vehicles swept off of Highway 39 and before being rescued by Mount Vernon Fire Department personnel; and

Whereas, Brad DeLay, Grant Wheeler, Jim Lawmaster, Jay Andrews, Melvin Owens, Leon Sullivan, and Travis Hill from the Mount Vernon Fire Department played integral roles in the rescue of the two trapped people; and

Whereas, the events of August 20, 2007, illustrate the dangers involved in driving in flood-prone areas, not only to individuals in vehicles but also to the rescuers from local fire departments who respond to calls for assistance during natural disasters in order to ameliorate nature's effects; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri public safety agencies as the Mount Vernon Fire Department:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Mount Vernon Fire Department and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their successful lifesaving endeavors on August 20, 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 the Mount Vernon Fire Department of Lawrence County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

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. 4815, adopted September 20, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker