

## House Resolution No. 163

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders through the excellence of their decisions and actions during times of duress; and

**Whereas**, Shawn Griffin of Bloomfield, Missouri, is the ten-year-old son of Debbie and David Griffin; and

**Whereas**, in the very early morning hours of Sunday, December 30, 2007, Shawn Griffin awoke from his slumber and went into his parents bedroom to lie down with his mom since his dad was working the night shift at Sears Youth Center; and

**Whereas**, at two o'clock in the morning, young Shawn Griffin woke up a second time and said that he smelled something; and

**Whereas**, when his mother got out of bed and opened the bedroom door, she discovered that the house was filled with smoke and quickly closed the door once again; and

**Whereas**, Shawn Griffin opened a window, crawled out, and then put a deck chair against the outside of the window to help his mom with her escape from the house; and

**Whereas**, with considerable assistance from Shawn, Debbie Griffin was able to leave the house through the window and then go to Shawn's grandparents house next door to call for help; and

**Whereas**, even though the house was subsequently destroyed by fire, emergency responders were able to save the Griffin's dog, a long-haired dachshund named Buddy; and

**Whereas**, the astute decisions, swift actions, and ingenuity demonstrated by Shawn Griffin during the perilous situation undoubtedly saved his mother from serious harm or possibly even death:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the successful lifesaving efforts engaged in by ten-year-old Shawn Griffin and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success in life for many more years to come; 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 Shawn Griffin of Bloomfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Billy Pat Wright  
District No. 159

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 163, adopted January 22, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker