

House Resolution No. 1579

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 or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the John Mark Culler Family, which was honored in January with the Reflections of Character award for “Perseverance” at the Lee’s Summit Mayor Karen Messerli’s Character Breakfast; and

Whereas, John Mark Culler is fifty-four years old and has lived with Becker’s muscular dystrophy all his life; and

Whereas, John Mark Culler’s primary care-givers are his mother, Marilouise “Mary” Culler, and his sister, Teresa Hunt, who along with others, help care for him twenty-four hours a day; and

Whereas, John Mark Culler’s mind is active and functions well, and he is knowledgeable about computers and browses the internet, checking his emails frequently; and

Whereas, John Mark Culler graduated from Lee’s Summit High School in 1972 and earned an associate’s degree from Metropolitan Community College-Longview in sociology; and

Whereas, John Mark Culler played bass guitar and keyboard in contemporary Christian and rock bands, and wrote music and performed in his church, Lee’s Summit United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, religion has always played a significant role in the family’s life, with Psalm 23 being John Mark’s favorite scripture:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to the family of John Mark Culler on the illustrious occasion of receiving the Lee’s Summit Mayor’s Reflections of Character award for “Perseverance”, with our best wishes for the future; 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 the John Mark Culler Family, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Grisamore
District No. 47

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. 1579, adopted April 3, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker