

House Resolution No. 1653

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school students who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders through the excellence of their attainments in competitive events; and

Whereas, Ozark High School sponsors a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program whose competitive marksmanship teams accrued an impressive list of wins in various venues throughout the 2007-2008 school year under the leadership of rifle team coach First Sergeant (Ret) Terrence D. Thompson; and

Whereas, competitors in individual and team events for the Ozark JROTC marksmanship program include Nicholas Byerley, Lauren Curtiss, Tessa Middleton, Jacob Edwards, Tyler Ferguson, Lucia Hawkins, Arianna Hite, Chelsey Howald, Kelsea Hunt, Kyrstin Karr, Evan Matlock, Lacie Norris, Samantha Norris, Alan Snyder, Andrew Spencer, Shawn Spradling, Jacob Stephens, Cody Thompson, and Robert Thompson; and

Whereas, in March 2008, the Ozark JROTC rifle team consisting of Shawn Spradling, Kelsea Hunt, Rob Thompson, Jacob Edwards, and alternate Alan Snyder won the National Championship through a record high score of 4331 at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

Whereas, at the Fort Benning national event, individual honors went to Shawn Spradling for placing Second overall for all of the military services and to Kelsea Hunt for winning the Army championship; and

Whereas, the competitive year began in July 2007 at the National Junior Olympic Championship at Bowling Green, Kentucky, where the Ozark JROTC program earned a Second Place team award and a Second Place individual award and Kelsea Hunt set a national record for the highest score for a 3x20 match; and

Whereas, Ozark JROTC rifle teams also performed well at the Bass Pro Air Rifle Classic, where an Ozark Basic Sporter Team placed First and Ozark Open Sporter Teams finished First and Second; the State Junior Shooting Sports Program, where teams took First in monthly postal matches; the Montgomery Bell Academy Rifle Classic, where teams took First and Fifth and set a new national record; the JROTC Postal Match for all services, where Ozark students qualified with the highest team score; and the JROTC Western Region Championship at Colorado Springs, Colorado, where the team placed First with a score of 2158:

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 Ozark High School JROTC rifle teams and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon taking First Place at the Fort Benning, Georgia, National Championships; 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 in honor of the Ozark High School JROTC competitive marksmanship program.

Offered by _____
Representative Raymond Weter
District No. 142

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. 1653, adopted April 8, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker