

House Resolution No. 2169

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably have answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment in any of the various branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, Todd French of Saint Mary, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Sergeant in the Missouri Army National Guard, for which he is a heavy equipment operator with the 880th Engineer haul team in Perryville; and

Whereas, Sergeant Todd French recently was selected as the Missouri Army National Guard Soldier of the Year after being named as Soldier of the Year for the 1140th Engineer Battalion and the 35th Engineer Brigade; and

Whereas, to reach the top spot as the number one soldier in the Missouri Army National Guard, Sergeant Todd French competed in physical fitness, with weapons qualification, and in such warrior tasks as first aid, communications, maintaining a M249 machine gun, and land navigation; and

Whereas, Sergeant Todd French also took a written examination and stood before an oral administrative board; and

Whereas, a member of the Missouri National Guard for almost eleven years, Sergeant Todd French deployed to Iraq with the 1140th Engineer Battalion in 2004 and 2005; and

Whereas, in civilian life, Todd French works in merchandising at Best Buy in Cape Girardeau:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Sergeant Todd French of the Missouri Army National Guard and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon being named as the Missouri Army National Guard Soldier of the Year; 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 Sergeant Todd French of Saint Mary, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

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. 2169, adopted April 23, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker