

House Resolution No. 3214

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 accomplishments as students; and

Whereas, Ailey Coe Pope was born on June 6, 1990, in Kansas City, Missouri, where she has honed her abilities in French, reading, and swimming; and

Whereas, Ailey Pope is the founder and president of Aggressive Teens on a Mission (A.T.O.M.), which focuses on issues that include voting, HIV/AIDS, and other international concerns; and

Whereas, Ailey Pope has traveled to four continents and fourteen countries, including China for the fiftieth anniversary of the People to People Student Ambassador program in order to represent the United States and to help enhance understanding and friendship with the emerging global power; and

Whereas, Ailey Pope also has been to Ghana, West Africa, where she worked on AIDS awareness and stood at the Point of No Return; and

Whereas, Ailey Pope attended the tenth annual Peace Jam Conference, which featured the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and ten other Nobel peace laureates who spoke about peace, how to obtain worldwide peace, and what youth should be doing in the next ten years to move toward peace; and

Whereas, Ailey Pope is a poet who taught at the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Theater in Denver, Colorado, and who writes about immigration rights, women's dignity, and the issues of today's teenager; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its constitutionally mandated legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri students as Ailey Pope:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and leadership of Ailey Pope and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success 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 Ailey Coe Pope of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Leonard (Jonas) Hughes, IV
District No. 42

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. 3214, adopted May 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker