

House Resolution No. 3410

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, John G. Lewis of Palmyra, Missouri, is a retired United States Navy Senior Chief Yeoman who currently serves as a Telecommunicator with Marion County 911 and as a member of the Palmyra Fire Department; and

Whereas, on February 19, 2008, John Lewis enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he performed a significant role in saving the life of a three-month-old infant who had stopped breathing; and

Whereas, using Emergency Medical Dispatch Instructions, John Lewis talked the baby's mother and a neighbor through cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques that restored the baby's breathing before the ambulance and first responders arrived on the scene; and

Whereas, a severe winter weather ice storm contributed to a delay in the first responders arrival, which made the astute actions, expert knowledge, and calm demeanor of John Lewis all the more critical to the baby's successful rescue from medical distress; and

Whereas, John Lewis is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Shelley and the loving father of fourteen-year-old Amy and nine-year-old Amanda; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as John Lewis at momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of John Lewis and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his lifesaving actions while at work on February 19, 2008; 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 John G. Lewis of Palmyra, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

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. 3410, adopted June 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker