

## House Resolution No. 3550

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents whose contributions of time, energy, and visionary leadership help improve the quality of life for individuals in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Penelope "Penny" Brennell of Saint Louis, Missouri, recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement by winning the "reach" category award in the Paint the Country Purple autism awareness month challenge sponsored by the U.S. Center For Disease Control; and

**Whereas**, Penny Brennell's submission was related to the Legislative Work Day established by her in cooperation with Julie Roscoe, an employee of Judevine Center for Autism, and Lisa Goolsby, Deputy Director of Adult Services at Judevine; and

**Whereas**, Legislative Work Day was comprised of a visit to the state capitol by six young adults within the autism spectrum in order to work in the offices of state representatives, state senators, and general assembly leadership; and

**Whereas**, the six adults with autism spectrum disorders were accompanied by family members who visited each legislator's office to deliver brochures and to discuss the needs of persons with autism; and

**Whereas**, the young adults with autism also were accompanied by autism trained job coaches who demonstrated that someone with severe classic autism could hold a job, be productive, and lead meaningful, independent, and happy lives with proper support; and

**Whereas**, Penny Brennell and her winning Paint the Country Purple competition submission will be recognized at the Autism Society of America national conference and expo, which will be held in Orlando, Florida, from July 9 through July 12, 2008:

**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 accomplishments garnered thus far in life by Penny Brennell and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for her winning the "reach" category of the Paint the Country Purple autism awareness month challenge; 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 Penelope "Penny" Brennell of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Rachel Storch  
 District No. 64

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. 3550, adopted July 3, 2008.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker