

House Resolution No. 4288

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives value the health of each citizen and the safety of each community in Missouri that has been plagued by the numerous problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that this legislative body pauses to recognize Red Ribbon Week and Drug Awareness Week for all fourth and fifth grade students at Sterling Elementary School, a national week-long celebration held in communities and schools across the Show-Me State October 13-17, 2008; and

Whereas, Red Ribbon Week stresses the importance of "violence prevention and reduction" in the state of Missouri through a wide variety of special events and activities; and

Whereas, Red Ribbon Week is used in Missouri's schools, government agencies, media outlets, churches, businesses, parents, youth, and civic organizations in an effort to support drug-free youth; and

Whereas, the red ribbon was chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was killed in the line of duty while investigating a multi-billion dollar drug scam in Mexico; and

Whereas, sponsored by the National Family Partnership, Red Ribbon Week was established by an act of Congress in 1988 to promote the belief that one person can make a difference and to encourage drug-free living and involvement in drug prevention efforts; and

Whereas, Red Ribbon Week is committed to raising awareness of the effects that drugs and alcohol can have on our children, families, and lives, and continues to promote the importance of drug and alcohol-free lifestyles:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with Red Ribbon Week in Missouri, and in wishing them tremendous success as they continue to promote drug and alcohol-free living throughout the Show-Me State; 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 Sterling Elementary School's observation of Red Ribbon Week.

Offered by _____
 Representative David Pearce
 District No. 121

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. 4288, adopted October 2, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker