

House Resolution No. 1388

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, domestic violence negatively impacts Missouri families, both physically
2 and emotionally, resulting in needless death and injury; and
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4 **Whereas**, according to the Missouri Uniform Crime Reporting Program:

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6 (1) There were 37,245 reported acts of domestic violence in 2007;

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8 (2) There were 35 homicides related to domestic violence in 2007;

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10 (3) There have already been 3,119 reported acts of domestic violence from January 1 to
11 March 16, 2009; and

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13 **Whereas**, one of the main contributors of domestic violence is lack of knowledge
14 of its causes; and

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16 **Whereas**, many victims are unaware of resources that could help them avoid or get
17 out of a domestic violence situation; and

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19 **Whereas**, on August 29, 2006, Amanda Kay Cates, a police officer and young
20 woman, ten days past her 26th birthday became a fatality of domestic violence; and

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22 **Whereas**, Amanda, who dedicated herself to the citizens of the State of Missouri
23 and especially to children and young adults as a school resource officer, can no longer speak to
24 and on behalf of those she worked and cared for; and

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26 **Whereas**, in order to bring attention to domestic violence and encourage all
27 Missouri citizens to educate themselves and be willing to openly discuss and address the issue
28 of domestic violence in our State, time should be set aside for remembrance of all victims of
29 domestic violence:

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31 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri
32 House of Representatives, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, hereby recognize October 14, 2009,
33 as "Amanda Kay Cates Day" in Missouri to remember all victims of domestic violence; and

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35 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri House of Representatives
36 encourages all citizens of the State of Missouri to observe the day through activities which will
37 increase awareness of domestic violence and educate the public.

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