

HB 2043 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

SPONSOR: Tate

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Not Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill designates the first Tuesday in May each year as "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day," and encourages the citizens to observe the day with appropriate activities and events to recognize and support the brave men and women who undertake the difficult and sometimes unattainable pledge to protect and serve the public.

This bill is similar to HB 295 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would show appreciation for members of law enforcement in Missouri who are willing to risk their lives everyday to protect our state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Tate; Gary Toelke; Donald Fowler; Kenneth Parker; Kristi Neace, Badge of Hope Ministries; Rick Neace; and the Missouri State Troopers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.