

HB 450 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

SPONSOR: Tate

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill designates the first Friday 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 the same as HB 1881 (2020).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Missouri does not have an appreciation day for law enforcement officers, but it should. The reason it is on the first Friday of May is because there are already events that happen at the Capitol that week and this would just complement those events. Other places also have a law enforcement week in May.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Tate; Missouri Peace Officers Association; Arnie Dienoff; Missouri Fraternal Order of Police; St. Louis Police Officers Association; Kansas City Fraternal Order of Police; and Missouri State Troopers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.