

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

Relating to the Seal of Civic Recognition award.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

1        **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri recognizes the core importance of education  
2 focused on patriotism, ethics, morality, and civics; and

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4        **WHEREAS**, the state celebrates commitment on a local, state, and national level on  
5 the part of our state's graduating seniors; and

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7        **WHEREAS**, the state desires to support such education and graduating seniors by  
8 awarding a "State of Missouri Seal of Civic Recognition" to each senior who graduates from a  
9 public school, private school, parochial school, or home school and who meets the specific  
10 criteria for various levels of the Seal of Civic Recognition; and

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12        **WHEREAS**, the state hopes and expects that such award will garner recognition of  
13 such student's efforts in the form of scholarships, financial assistance, internships,  
14 apprenticeships, and other similar awards to aid such student's pursuit of future education  
15 and vocational or professional career opportunities; and

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17        **WHEREAS**, to further support the state's matriculating students' embrace of a strong  
18 ethical civic education, the state exhorts nominating entities and individuals to assist  
19 recipients of a Seal of Civic Recognition in efforts to further vocational or professional  
20 preparedness; and

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22       **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri desires to commend a commitment to our beautiful  
23 state and this nation through service in the Armed Forces of the United States, with the full  
24 and joyous expectation that, after such student's term of service to this state and our nation,  
25 the student will be heartily welcomed home with open arms by a grateful citizenry:

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27       **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
28 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the  
29 Senate concurring therein, hereby create the "State of Missouri Seal of Civic Recognition"  
30 program; and

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32       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that nominations for consideration for a Seal of  
33 Civic Recognition may be submitted to the Civics and Patriotic Workgroup at the Department  
34 of Elementary and Secondary Education:

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36           (1) By civic or veteran organizations, businesses, or interested individuals;

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38           (2) By a school after a student's progression from grade six upward in participating  
39 public schools, private schools, parochial schools, or homeschooled;

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41           (3) Before such student's graduation from grade twelve in a participating school; and

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43           (4) By the nominating entity's or individual's submission of documentation that the  
44 student qualifies for a Seal of Civic Recognition under the program; and

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46       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a graduating senior shall be eligible for a  
47 designated level of the Seal of Civic Recognition if such senior accomplishes the following:

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49           (1) Complete at least two, four, or six school years of documented combined academic  
50 instruction in functional moral and ethical local, state, and national governance, national and  
51 world history, or curriculum selected by the Civics and Patriotic Workgroup at the  
52 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;

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54           (2) Engage in active participation in school governance and community civic  
55 engagement through civic, veteran, and other community organizations;

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57           (3) Participate in mentorship programming offered by local, state, and other  
58 government officials and civil servants;

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60       (4) Participate in a school-, community-, or church-sponsored "Seal of Civic  
61 Recognition Club or Team" focused on reinforcing and building on such educational  
62 instruction and participatory activities, such as FFA, American Legion, Kiwanis, Adoremus,  
63 and similar clubs and organizations; and

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65       (5) Make a formal commitment to, upon graduation, participate for at least one year in  
66 some form of community or national civic or military service; and

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68       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a graduating senior who accomplishes the  
69 requirements to be eligible for a Seal of Civic Recognition shall be awarded such Seal by the  
70 Civics and Patriotic Workgroup at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in  
71 the following designations:

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73       (1) For completing at least two but fewer than four school years of the required  
74 instruction, a Bronze Seal of Civic Recognition;

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76       (2) For completing at least four but fewer than six school years of the required  
77 instruction, a Silver Seal of Civic Recognition; and

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79       (3) For completing at least six school years of the required instruction, a Gold Seal of  
80 Civic Recognition; and

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82       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Seal of Civic Recognition will accompany  
83 such student's high school diploma; and

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85       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the state encourages entities that nominated a  
86 student who receives a Seal of Civic Recognition to provide some level of agreed-upon and  
87 stipulated support for such student's future vocational or professional preparedness after the  
88 student's matriculation, which support may be in the form of direct scholarship assistance,  
89 mentoring, accommodations, apprenticeships, internships, or other similar incentives to aid  
90 such student's progress toward professional or vocational advancement; and

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92       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a student who is a recipient of a Seal of Civic  
93 Recognition and who commits to serve our nation in military service directly or through  
94 enlistment in a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program will receive a "Letter of

95 Congratulations, Commendation, and State Gratitude" signed by the Governor, the Speaker of  
96 the House of Representatives, and the Lieutenant Governor of the state of Missouri; and  
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98           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his  
99 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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