

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 31**  
**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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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, citizenship, and civics; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, the state recognizes the significant importance of civic engagement; and

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

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9           **WHEREAS**, the state desires to support such education and graduating seniors by  
10 awarding a "State of Missouri Seal of Civic Recognition" to each senior who meets the  
11 specific criteria for various levels of the Seal of Civic Recognition; and

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

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

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

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28           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Civics and Patriotism Workgroup at the  
29 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will establish and advertise specific  
30 criteria for achieving a bronze, silver, and gold level of the Seal of Civic Recognition that  
31 may include levels for:

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33           (1) Academic instruction and achievement in local, state, and national governance;  
34 national and world history; or similar such curriculum recommended by the Civics and  
35 Patriotism Workgroup at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;

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37           (2) Participation and leadership in school-, community-, veteran-, or church-  
38 sponsored clubs or organizations focused on reinforcing and building on such academic  
39 instruction and civic engagement, such as Future Farmers of America, American Legion,  
40 Kiwanis, Adoremus, and similar clubs and organizations; and

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42           (3) Participating in mentorship programs focused on patriotism, citizenship, and civic  
43 engagement that may include either opportunities to mentor, be mentored, or both. Such  
44 programs may include those offered by local, state, and other government officials and civil  
45 servants; and

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47           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that names of seniors meeting the requirements for a  
48 Seal of Civic Recognition, along with such senior's bronze, silver, or gold achievement level,  
49 may be submitted by a participating school with cooperation from participating civic  
50 organizations, if applicable, to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in a  
51 method and manner determined by the Department; and

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53           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a graduating senior who accomplishes the  
54 requirements to be eligible for a Seal of Civic Recognition shall be awarded the appropriate  
55 Seal by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education based on the established  
56 criterion levels for Bronze, Silver, or Gold, and the school of the graduating senior will ensure  
57 that a Seal of Civic Recognition will accompany such student's high school diploma; and

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59           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the state encourages cooperating civic  
60 organizations to provide support for such student's future vocational or professional  
61 preparedness after the student's matriculation, which support may be in the form of direct  
62 scholarship assistance, mentoring, accommodations, apprenticeships, internships, or other  
63 similar incentives to aid such student's progress toward professional or vocational  
64 advancement; and

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66           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a student who is a recipient of a Seal of Civic  
67 Recognition and who commits to serve our nation in military service directly or through  
68 enlistment in a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program will receive a "Letter of  
69 Congratulations, Commendation, and State Gratitude" signed by the Governor, the Lieutenant  
70 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
71 Representatives of the state of Missouri; and

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73           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his  
74 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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