

## House Resolution No. 4682

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents whose knowledge, skills, and experiences bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state; and

**Whereas**, Blake Robert DeWitt of Los Angeles, California, is a native of Sikeston, Missouri, who was a first round pick for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the June 2004 Major League Baseball draft; and

**Whereas**, on November 25, 2008, Blake DeWitt will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he is given the Star of Sikeston award from the Chamber of Commerce and the Key to the City by mayor Mike Marshall; and

**Whereas**, currently serving as the starting second baseman with the Dodgers, Blake DeWitt graduated from Sikeston High School in 2004 after accruing a high school baseball record that included being named to the Baseball America High School All-America first team, the Associated Press Class 3 All-State first team, and Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association Class 3 All-State first team; setting a Missouri high school record of 27 consecutive games won as pitcher; and participating in three state championships; and

**Whereas**, during his senior year in high school, Blake DeWitt was a shortstop who batted .558 with 15 home runs, 11 doubles, and 48 runs batted in; and

**Whereas**, after several years in the Minors, Blake DeWitt now wears jersey number 33 for the Dodgers, serves as a second baseman, and has a .264 batting average with 9 home runs and 52 runs batted in; and

**Whereas**, Blake DeWitt demonstrated his significant potential as a Major League player during the National League Divisional Series and Championship Series when he batted .167 and drove in 6 runs in 8 games for the Dodgers; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Blake DeWitt:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Blake DeWitt for the Star of Sikeston award from the local Chamber of Commerce and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as he also receives the Key to the City of Sikeston on November 25, 2008; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Blake Robert DeWitt of Sikeston, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Ellen Brandom  
 District No. 160

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4682, adopted November 20, 2008.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker