

House Resolution No. 111

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself through excellence in her profession; and

Whereas, Dr. Betty Ware Cagle, an esteemed resident of Joplin, will officially retire from the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri on January 31, 2002, after five years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Dr. Cagle has been the Executive Director of the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri since February 5, 1997, during which time she has remained committed to her responsibility as a leader and has earned the praise and respect of her colleagues for the numerous contributions she has made to the Center; and

Whereas, Dr. Cagle's directorship has provided for the organization funding and development of the first child advocacy center to serve the Missouri counties of Jasper, Newton, and McDonald; and

Whereas, throughout her impressive tenure as Executive Director, Dr. Cagle has played an integral role in the success of the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri which has grown from 960 square feet to a facility of 5,460 square feet, has increased its staff from one employee to nine, has expanded its service area to include nine counties, and has interviewed approximately 1,400 children since its inception; and

Whereas, Dr. Cagle's dedication for "doing what's right for children" has touched the hearts and lives of countless Missouri youngsters while her involvement with the Missouri Network of Child Advocacy Centers has demonstrated her passion for helping children everywhere; and

Whereas, Dr. Cagle has been instrumental in guiding the development of a Missouri Network Growth Plan which will assure that all children in Missouri are provided access to the child advocacy center services:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Dr. Cagle for her five years of unparalleled service to the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri and to the children of the Show-Me State, and in wishing her the long, enjoyable, and rewarding retirement she so richly deserves; 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 Dr. Betty Ware Cagle.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary L. Burton
District No. 128

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 111, adopted January 23, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

