

## House Resolution No. 120

**Whereas**, Dr. David Rock of Independence, Missouri, has been associated with the Independence School District for most of his life either as a student or as a member of the professional staff; and

**Whereas**, David Rock entered McCoy Elementary School in 1950 as a kindergarten student and eventually rose to the top post of Superintendent of Schools, from which he will retire at the end of the 2001-2002 school year; and

**Whereas**, a former student at Independence Junior High School and a graduate of William Chrisman High School, Dr. David Rock continued his studies in the field of education and returned to the Independence School District as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Rock unquestionably proved his mettle, intelligence, skills, and concern for students, and subsequently accepted the diverse duties and responsibilities that accompany the work of School Psychological Examiner, Principal, Director of Elementary Education, Assistant Superintendent of Education, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, Deputy Superintendent, and Superintendent of Schools; and

**Whereas**, Dr. David Rock diligently and successfully set about fulfilling four goals down through the years as Superintendent: to select high quality replacements for retiring Central Office administrators, raise employee salaries and teacher compensation to competitive levels, initiate a five-year high school restructuring plan to increase student achievement and dramatically reduce the dropout rate, and bring a high quality, experienced administrator on board the District who clearly demonstrated characteristics and qualities of being the next Superintendent:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary teaching, counseling, and administrative legacy of Dr. David Rock, Superintendent of Schools for the Independence School District; to convey to him this legislative body's deep gratitude for his thirty-four years of stellar leadership; and to extend our best wishes for continued personal success far into the future; 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 to honor the retirement of Superintendent David Rock from the Independence School District.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Don Lograsso, No. 54

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Representative Carson Ross, No. 55

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Representative Connie J. Cierpiot, No. 52

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Representative Dennis Bonner, No. 51

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Representative Richard (Dick) Franklin, No. 53

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Representative Ralph Monaco, No. 49

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Representative Carol Jean Mays, No. 50

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. 120, adopted January 24, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

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