

## House Resolution No. 161

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably utilized their artistic abilities and their community-oriented vision to spark a heightened sense of awareness in students for the importance of education and preparation for the future; and

**Whereas**, the St. Lunatics rap group of St. Louis is composed of Nelly, Ali, Kyjuan, Murphy Lee, and Slo-Down; and

**Whereas**, increasingly known locally and throughout the state as "Advocates of Education", the St. Lunatics have entered the fray for educational excellence by challenging Missouri students to prepare for and to take the state's MAP exams which are intended to measure successful academic performance at all teaching levels and in all school districts; and

**Whereas**, the five St. Lunatics have courageously agreed to play a game of basketball against the team of any school where a large percentage of the students have taken the required MAP exams; and

**Whereas**, this tremendously successful ploy on the part of the nationally famous and much beloved St. Louis hip-hop group is coupled with area school district requirements that only students who have taken MAP tests are allowed into extracurricular athletic contests as either participants or observers; and

**Whereas**, St. Lunatics' achievements as advocates of education are second only to the cultural and commercial successes the group has enjoyed with their single, "Gimme What Ya Got"; their debut disc, Free City, with its immediately popular recordings of "Midwest Swing", "Groovin Tonight", and "Let Me In Now"; and Nelly's multi-platinum debut, Country Grammar, which featured contributions by St. Lunatics colleagues, the Teamsters, Lil' Wayne, and Cedric the Entertainer:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant efforts undertaken by the members of St. Lunatics to improve the percentage of students taking the state's MAP academic performance tests and to convey to each of the rappers our heartiest congratulations for the effectiveness of their student challenge and our sincerest best wishes for success on the basketball court against area varsity teams; 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 in honor of the St. Lunatics rap group and its members' role as true "Advocates of Education" in Missouri.

Offered by Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins  
District No. 60

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. 161, adopted January 31, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

