

House Resolution No. 672

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives proudly pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, St. Paul Lutheran School in Jackson, Missouri, is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Helenmarie Koenig who has devoted fifty-four years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Helenmarie Koenig has taught for forty-three years at St. Paul Lutheran School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, Helenmarie Koenig began her teaching career in 1948 at Hilderbrand School, a one-room school near Friedheim, where she taught for three years before moving to Arnsberg School near Friedheim for six years and then to Trinity Lutheran School in Shawneetown for two years; and

Whereas, Helenmarie Koenig assumed her responsibilities at St. Paul Lutheran School in 1959, taught third and fourth grade classes for three years, and taught a one-grade class for the first time in 1962 when she became the third grade teacher; and

Whereas, during her impressive fifty-four-year endeavor in education, Helenmarie Koenig never missed a day of school due to personal illness and had perfect attendance for thirty-six years until the deaths of her parents and her husband's parents eventually compelled her to request time off:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join St. Paul Lutheran School in expressing appreciation for Helenmarie Koenig's unparalleled service to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves after fifty-four years of teaching with only nine days of absence; 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 Helenmarie Koenig, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
 Representative David Schwab
 District No. 157

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. 672, adopted March 6, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker