

House Resolution No. 552

Whereas, Karan K. Huffmaster will be recognized posthumously with the Monett Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, which is given for outstanding service to the community spanning a long period of time and having a significant impact on the quality of life in Monett; and

Whereas, Karan Huffmaster spent countless hours developing and promoting the Child Advocacy Center in Monett as a representative from the Monett School District, volunteering her time to call and recruit help for the Center and serving as secretary-treasurer of the Center's executive board; and

Whereas, the Monett representative for the Joplin Children's Center Board of Directors, Karan Huffmaster also compiled an enviable list of service to P.E.O., Chapter KW, and to the First United Methodist Church in Monett, where she glorified the Lord as chairman of the Education Commission, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Administrative Council, and was instrumental in the inception of the Small Wonders Pre School, serving on the Board of Directors for many years; and

Whereas, a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University where she earned both her Master's and Specialist degrees in Reading, Karan Huffmaster taught remedial reading in the Monett area for more than thirty years, spending most of her career in the Monett Public School District under the Title I program, for which she was the bookkeeper and accountant; and

Whereas, a member of the Missouri National Education Association and the Community Teachers Association which honored her with the 1997-1998 CTA Teacher of the Year award, Karan Huffmaster was the proud recipient of the Distinguished Service Missouri Educator Award for Missouri Educators for her years of service from 1967 to 1998; and

Whereas, following her retirement from full-time teaching in 1998, Karan Huffmaster continued her involvement with the Monett schools by implementing the Accelerated Reader Program, a computerized reading program she administered at the Monett Middle and Intermediate schools; and

Whereas, Karan loved to travel and looked for ideas that would combine her classroom activities with her trips to China, North Vietnam, West Indies, Morocco, Costa Rica, and various other countries, during which she always visited local schools and established relationships with teachers with whom she often exchanged her own ideas and materials:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in reflecting upon the life of Karan Huffmaster and the numerous contributions she made to the Monett community during her stay on this most precious Earth; 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 late Karan K. Huffmaster.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jack Goodman
 District No. 132

 Representative Larry Taylor
 District No. 68

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 552, adopted March 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker