

House Resolution No. 896

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events attained by Show-Me State educational institutions which have developed and maintained exemplary reputations for high standards and performance; and

Whereas, the Rockwood School District consists of a 150 square-mile area which encompasses twelve communities and nearly 22,000 students who are located in four high schools, six middle schools, and eighteen elementary schools, and on separate campuses for gifted education, early childhood education, and alternative secondary education; and

Whereas, headquartered in Eureka, the Rockwood School District has claimed a number of well-deserved accolades of late, including accreditation by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) at the "Distinction in Performance" level after receiving a perfect 12 out of 12 score on the Annual Performance Report; and

Whereas, with thirteen schools earning "Top Ten" honors from DESE, Rockwood School District enjoys a student population which is one of the state's highest performing on the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) test; and

Whereas, in light of its impressive academic accomplishments, Rockwood School District was granted a rare on-site review waiver from DESE for the 2004-2005 school year; and

Whereas, Rockwood School District also came under scrutiny by Expansion Management magazine which targets executives who are seeking to expand or relocate their companies and which gave the school district a Gold Medal rating as one of the top eight percent of school districts in the nation based on a Graduate Outcome Index, a national measure of ACT or SAT scores and high school graduation rates, a Resource Index gauge of community financial commitment to education, and a Community Index which takes into consideration the educational and income levels of a school district's adult population:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exceptional educational successes garnered recently by the Rockwood School District and to convey to its administrators, faculty, staff, and students this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued achievement now and in 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 in honor of the Rockwood School District.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jack Jackson
 District No. 89

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. 896, adopted March 17, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker