

House Resolution No. 954

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State educational institutions which have demonstrated remarkable success with innovative programs designed to ensure high student achievement; and

Whereas, each year the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) collaborates with SuccessLink in order to solicit, recognize, disseminate, and promote exemplary and innovative practices which have been developed and successfully implemented in Missouri schools; and

Whereas, the Administrative Internship Program in the Willard R-II School District has been selected as a Best Practice for 2004 by DESE and SuccessLink; and

Whereas, in operation since 1999, the Willard R-II School District's Administrative Internship Program addresses the universal need to get aspiring principals the necessary experience to become high-quality administrators at the preschool, elementary, middle, and secondary levels of public education; and

Whereas, the Administrative Internship Program in Willard schools is open to any teacher who does not already hold administrative certification from the state of Missouri or any other state and who would appreciate getting hands-on experience before enrolling in an administrative program of study or who would desire to use an internship to broaden advanced collegiate investigations; and

Whereas, in addition to providing participants the opportunity to "shadow" a mentoring administrator, the Administrative Internship Program developed by the Willard R-II School District has a direct, positive impact on students by directing additional personnel resources to such programs as "At-Risk" and summer school, and by promoting teachers already familiar with the Willard area and the school's needs into open administrative positions as the District grows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the success of the Willard R-II School District Administrative Internship Program and its suitability for incorporation in other school districts and to convey to teachers, administrators, staff, and students this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon the school's selection for a DESE and SuccessLink 2004 Best Practices award; 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 recognition of the outstanding success of Willard R-II School District's Administrative Internship Program.

Offered by _____
 Representative Mark Wright
 District No. 137

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. 954, adopted March 19, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker