

House Resolution No. 1299

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem Show-Me State school districts which demonstrate tremendous vitality and success in meeting the educational needs of local children and youth who will soon take their rightful places as societal leaders in their hometowns and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the St. James R-I School District of St. James, Missouri, has attained well-deserved distinction under the leadership of Superintendent Lonnie P. Thompson and School Board members Cindy Spurgeon, who serves as President; Candace Connell, who serves as Vice President; and Brad Frazier, Steve Gaunt, Gary Huffman, Larry Rinehart, and Corky Stack; and

Whereas, after the electorate embraced the idea of replacing middle school facilities with a new structure, the St. James R-I School District embarked on a building plan that utilized the architect services of ACI/Boland of St. Louis, Missouri, and general contractor services of Hogan Construction of Rolla, Missouri; and

Whereas, the new middle school construction project was launched during October 2001 and was substantially completed during December 2002; and

Whereas, on January 6, 2003, St. James Middle School found itself occupied by four hundred fifty students in grades six through eight who are led in their academic pursuits by forty-five certificated faculty and staff under the astute leadership of Principal Jim Harris; and

Whereas, former School Board members who deserve recognition for their preparatory labors which helped ensure the success of this much-needed construction project include Lawrence Mertz and Robert Laney:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the highly productive educational programs formulated and conducted by the St. James R-I School District and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon the opening of a new middle school building; 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 the St. James R-I School District.

Offered by _____
Representative Frank Barnitz
District No. 150

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. 1299, adopted April 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker