

House Resolution No. 1458

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Grandview R-II School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty in May 2003 with the retirement of Jim Keeling who has devoted twenty-six years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a coach and principal; and

Whereas, Jim Keeling, a resident of DeSoto, Missouri, has served eight years as Principal at Grandview R-II Middle School, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Jim Keeling served as a coach and principal within the Eminence R-I School District for eighteen years prior to assuming his administrative responsibilities at Grandview R-II; and

Whereas, Jim Keeling has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, active in his community, Jim Keeling has enjoyed recognition as a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Wild Horse League; and

Whereas, Jim Keeling has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include one son, Chris Keeling, and one daughter, Jaime Keeling, both of whom have brought great pride and happiness into his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Grandview R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Jim Keeling has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; 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 Jim Keeling, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
 Representative Belinda Harris
 District No. 110

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. 1458, adopted April 7, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker