

House Resolution No. 2153

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Richard L. Rice, an esteemed resident of Kearney, Missouri, who is retiring from the North Kansas City 74 School District after a successful career in education that has spanned a total thirty-two years; and

Whereas, Richard Rice joined the North Kansas City 74 School District as a teacher at Oak Park High School in 1977, and served as the Assistant Principal at Oak Park High School from 1991 to 1997 before accepting the duties and responsibilities as Director of Staff Development in 1997; and

Whereas, prior to his long and illustrious tenure with the North Kansas City 74 School District, Richard Rice played an integral role in the educational development of numerous Missouri youth as a teacher at Marshall High School in Marshall for six years; and

Whereas, one of the best debate coaches in the country, Richard Rice impacted the lives of countless students as a debate coach at both Oak Park and Marshall high schools and was inducted to the National Forensic League Hall of Fame in 1997; and

Whereas, listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Richard Rice should be exceedingly proud of the leadership positions he has held with the Missouri Staff Development Council, Heart of America National Forensic League, and the Speech and Theater Association of Missouri; and

Whereas, a worthy recipient of such awards and accolades as the 2002 Missouri Staff Developer of the Year award and the 1987 Missouri Speech Teacher of the Year award, Richard Rice earned his Bachelor of Science degree and Lifetime Teacher Certification from Central Missouri State University and both his Master's and Specialist degrees from the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and

Whereas, a devout member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church where he has glorified the Lord in many ways, Richard Rice has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his devoted wife, Ruth; his two daughters and sons-in-law, Renee and Brett Fuehring and Rebecca and Josh Plueger; and his three grandchildren, Gracie, Jonah, and Noah Fuehring; and

Whereas, Richard Rice will be honored for his twenty-six years of unparalleled service to the North Kansas City 74 School District during a special celebration and Open House to be held May 4, 2003, at Oak Park:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Richard Rice at this proud moment of well-deserved recognition, and in wishing him the long, relaxing, and enjoyable retirement he so richly 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 Richard L. Rice.

Offered by _____
Representative Daniel Bishop
District No. 38

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. 2153, adopted April 24, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker