

## House Resolution No. 1743

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are fully aware of the important role that Catholic education in the State of Missouri has played in the development of countless Missouri youth; and

**Whereas**, Tom Bates, an esteemed resident of Independence, Missouri, has wholeheartedly dedicated himself to the goals and ideals of Catholic education for three decades as a teacher at St. Mary's High School in Independence; and

**Whereas**, throughout his impressive tenure as a Social Studies Teacher, Tom Bates has distinguished himself as a mentor and friend to many at St. Mary's High School and has greatly enjoyed watching as his students have grown to become successful, productive adults; and

**Whereas**, the Cross Country and Track Coach at St. Mary's High School, Tom Bates received his education at St. Ann's Grade School, St. Mary's High School, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and

**Whereas**, Tom Bates considers himself most fortunate for the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Donna Bates; his two daughters, Melissa and Christina; and his three grandchildren, Johnathan, Samantha, and Jessica; and

**Whereas**, Tom Bates is a favorite among students and colleagues alike at St. Mary's High School where he continues to provide students with the basic fundamentals of a good, quality Catholic education that will more than adequately prepare them for the academic and social challenges they will face in the years to come:

**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 and robust congratulations to Tom Bates as he proudly celebrates twenty-nine years of unparalleled service to St. Mary's High School and to Catholic education, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to touch the hearts and minds of Missouri youngsters as an outstanding Catholic educator; 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 Tom Bates of Independence, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative John Burnett  
District No. 40

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. 1743, adopted April 10, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker