

House Resolution No. 1878

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 Scott City R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2003, with the retirement of Elementary School Principal Carol Blanton, who has devoted many years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens; and

Whereas, Carol Blanton has worked for eight years at Scott City R-I, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, Superintendent at Zalma R-V for two years, Carol Blanton has also worked as an elementary principal, a Director of Special Education, counselor, teacher, and volleyball coach; and has enriched the lives of many and has worked in the Campbell R-II, Malden R-I, and Clarkton C-4, and Zalma R-V School Districts; and

Whereas, Carol Blanton, who is a Federal Programs Coordinator, has supported his profession as a member of the Southeast Missouri Principals Association and the Missouri School Principals Association and is the first person in the state of Missouri who obtained his Compliance Plan approval many light years ago; and

Whereas, a former member of the United States Air Force, Carol Blanton is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the General Baptist Nursing Home Board of Directors, and Bethel General Baptist Church, where he is an ordained deacon, and a past member and officer for the Rotary Club; and

Whereas, Carol Blanton has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Ruthann Blanton, an elementary school counselor at Scott City R-I; one daughter, Shawna Reed, a speech pathologist in the Perryville School District; one son-in-law, Vance Reed, Service Coordinator for the Missouri Division of Youth Services; and one grandson, Calen Reed, who has brought the joy of life to his loved ones:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Scott City R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Carol Blanton has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long and fruitful 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 Carol Blanton, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Lanie G. Black, III
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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. 1878, adopted April 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker