

House Resolution No. 1948

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school faculty sponsors of extracurricular programs which so effectively allow students to apply the knowledge and skills that they learn in the classroom and to garner new abilities that will serve them in good stead when they take their rightful place as societal leaders; and

Whereas, admirably coached by Jami Bruton-Davis since 1998, Cassville Speech and Debate participants are rapidly approaching 20,000 competitive points earned during her tenure, an impressive milestone which has already given her "Diamond" rank in the National Forensic League; and

Whereas, the Cassville High School Speech and Debate Program brought yet another stellar competitive season to a close after its members engaged in eleven invitational tournaments; the Big 8 Conference Tournament, Missouri State High School Activities Association Qualifying Tournament, and National Forensic League Qualifying, State, and National Tournaments; and four public performances with an additional four performances scheduled for later; and

Whereas, with fifty-six current members, the Cassville Speech and Debate Program is ranked Sixth in the Carver-Truman District, which is itself ranked Twenty-sixth out of 102 districts nationwide; and

Whereas, under the astute guidance of Jami Bruton-Davis, Cassville Speech and Debate students did impressively well in competitions this past year with 130 advancing to Semifinals, 81 going to Finals, and 68 receiving trophies at invitational tournaments; 8 individuals receiving medals, 1 debate team advancing to Finals, the Readers Theatre placing Second, and Student Congress receiving a First Place in Senate at the Big 8 Conference; 4 individual entries advancing to State, a cross-examination debate team reaching State for the first time in twenty-five years, the Readers Theatre advancing to Finals and placing Fourth in District, and a One-Act Play advancing to Finals and taking Fifth in District at the MSHSAA Qualifying Tournament; and Anthony Shepard taking First in Humorous Interpretation and Ginger Wilkenson placing First in her Chamber of the Student Congress House of Representatives at the NFL National Qualifying match:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary leadership, time, and effort so generously given by coach Jami Bruton-Davis to the individuals and teams associated with the Cassville High School Speech and Debate Program and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; 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 coach Jami Bruton-Davis of the 2002-2003 Cassville High School Speech and Debate Program.

Offered by _____
 Representative Larry Gene Taylor
 District No. 68

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. 1948, adopted April 16, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker