

House Resolution No. 2394

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Phyllis Cope, an esteemed resident of Columbia, Missouri, will officially retire from her administrative position with the Columbia Public Schools on June 12, 2003, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible thirty-two years; and

Whereas, Phyllis Cope has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as the Principal of Rock Bridge Elementary School in Columbia for the past four years, during which time she has greatly enjoyed watching as her students have made significant progress in achieving the next level in education; and

Whereas, a guest lecturer at several events who participated in the Columbia Public Schools Leaders Literacy Summit, Phyllis Cope is to be commended for her willingness to serve as a resource for education issues and involvement in public policy regarding education; and

Whereas, Phyllis Cope is exceedingly proud of the various leadership positions she has held with such important organizations as the North Callaway Community Teachers Association, Missouri Association of Rural Educators, National Association of Elementary School Principals, Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals, and the Mid-Missouri Network for Women in Educational Administration, just to name a few; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Phyllis Cope, a remarkable individual and stellar educator who will be greatly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with her:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Phyllis Cope for her thirty-two years of unparalleled service to the Missouri's public schools and to the education of Missouri's youngest citizens, and in wishing her the long, rewarding, and enjoyable retirement she 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 Phyllis Cope.

Offered by _____
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson
District No. 25

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. 2394, adopted April 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker