

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Jennie Griffith, an esteemed resident of Columbia, Missouri, who will officially retire from the Columbia Public Schools on June 5, 2003, after twenty years of exceptional service; and

Whereas, Jennie Griffith has played an integral role in the educational development of countless Missouri youngsters as a Kindergarten Teacher at Rock Bridge Elementary School for sixteen years, prior to which time she served as a Preschool Teacher at Stephens Children's School for one year and as a Kindergarten Teacher at West Boulevard Elementary School for three years; and

Whereas, the coordinator of BEAR Reading Night for grades K-3 who co-authored links to Learning Grants at Rock Bridge Elementary School, Jennie Griffith was in the first group of teachers trained to be Family Math and Evening Science Leaders; and

Whereas, Jennie Griffith holds distinction as the first Head Start Teacher in Boone County who trained Head Start teachers from all over the Midwest; and

Whereas, a Demonstration Class Teacher at Stephens College, Jennie Griffith gained in immeasurable amount of teaching experience as a bilingual Kindergarten Teacher in Whittier City, South Dakota, for six years, and as Director of the Shepard of the Hills Preschool in Whittier, California, for six years; and

Whereas, Jennie Griffith is a devout member of Broadway Christian Church where she has glorified the Lord through her role as an Elder, Deacon, Kindergarten Sunday School Teacher, and Assistant Wedding Coordinator; and

Whereas, Jennie Griffith has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her five children, Susan, Scott, Steve, Stuart, and Sarah; her three daughters-in-law, Kris, Kellie, and Carrie; her grandson, Alex; her mother, Beulah Wilson; her sister, Kathy Murray; and her brother, Murrell "Butch" Wilson:

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 Jennie Griffith for her many years of unparalleled service to the Columbia Public Schools and to the teaching profession, and in wishing her the long, 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 Jennie Griffith.

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. 2395, adopted April 30, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker