

## House Resolution No. 2459

**Whereas**, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

**Whereas**, Audrey Ferguson of St. Louis, Missouri, has attained distinction during the past thirty-three years as an educator in St. Louis public schools who currently serves as a math teacher at Laclede Elementary School and as the first instructor from the St. Louis School District to win Missouri Teacher of the Year recognition in the award's fifty-year-long history; and

**Whereas**, in addition to her classroom duties, Audrey Ferguson serves as the coordinator of all Title I instruction at Laclede Elementary, a responsibility she takes very seriously since she experienced the disappointment of reading disabilities as a young child until her teachers placed her in special reading classes to help her successfully bring out her hidden potential; and

**Whereas**, Audrey Ferguson accurately understands her profession's role as a gatekeeper of opportunity for millions of children and as a positive influence on their future and the future of society; and

**Whereas**, Audrey Ferguson rightfully believes that teachers function as the builders of collaborative bridges between school, home, and the community in order to find paths around the barriers that hinder a student's achievement; and

**Whereas**, in her own work Audrey Ferguson displays a fundamental knowledge that teaching not only addresses the basic skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic, but also the issues of social behavior, attitude, and character; and

**Whereas**, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, Audrey Ferguson will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role she has performed in the St. Louis area as a true community leader:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant contributions made by Audrey Ferguson on behalf of the people and institutions of Missouri and to extend to her this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on May 7, 2003, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; 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 in honor of "Outstanding Missourian" Audrey Ferguson of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Thomas E. George  
District No. 74

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. 2459, adopted May 6, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker