

House Resolution No. 2540

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, Sue Murray, an esteemed resident of Kansas City, Missouri, is retiring from the Ward Parkway Presbyterian Preschool after thirty-seven years of exceptional service; and

Whereas, Sue Murray was asked by the Session of Ward Parkway Church to start a weekday education program for 3 and 4 year-olds in 1966, since which time the program has continued to grow while earning accreditation by the Missouri Early Childhood Program in 1985 and the National Association For the Education of Young Children in 1999; and

Whereas, Sue Murray joined the Ward Parkway Presbyterian Preschool as a teacher and director upon its inception in 1966, and has continued to serve as a director throughout her entire career with the Preschool; and

Whereas, the proud recipient of the 1987 Greater Kansas City Association For the Education of Young Children Outstanding Community Service Award and a Certificate in Child Growth and Development from Metropolitan Community Colleges in 2002, Sue Murray inspires loyalty in her staff and fosters a community of caring educators, many of whom have been with the Preschool for more than twenty years; and

Whereas, a founding member of the Christian Preschool Association, Sue Murray is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with the Greater Kansas City Association For the Education of Young Children, the Missouri Voluntary Accreditation Program, and the Mid-America Regional Council on Child Care; and

Whereas, Sue Murray's unwavering commitment to young children has led her to pursue high standards of quality for preschools, to support professional development opportunities for early childhood educators, and to be an outstanding advocate for young children, while her incredible skills and accomplishments have made her unique in the field of early childhood education in the Kansas City area:

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 Sue Murray for her thirty-seven years of unparalleled service to the Ward Parkway Presbyterian Preschool and to the early 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 Sue Murray.

Offered by _____
Representative Jenée Lowe
District No. 44

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. 2540, adopted May 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker