

## House Resolution No. 2476

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize those individuals with longstanding ties to the Show-Me State who have developed and maintained exemplary reputations for their services as educators; and

**Whereas**, Varrie Nicholson has attained distinction as a teacher at Donald McHenry Elementary School in East St. Louis, Illinois, School District 189, an endeavor from which she will step down at the end of the 2002-2003 school year in well-deserved retirement; and

**Whereas**, a native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Varrie Nicholson brought to her highly effective labors at Donald McHenry Elementary School a wealth of knowledge and experience which she garnered from positions at Stamps Elementary School in Stamps, Arkansas, and Park Elementary School in East St. Louis, Illinois; and

**Whereas**, Varrie Nicholson prepared for her chosen field of endeavor by studiously applying herself to courses at the Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College/University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where she earned a Master's degree in education; the University of Illinois; Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; the Math and Science Academy of Chicago, Illinois; and Harris-Stowe State College in St. Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, a member of the "Lunch Bunch" at Park Elementary School until its closure in 1980, Varrie Nicholson has earned numerous honors and accolades from a diverse group of professional, religious, and service organizations; and

**Whereas**, Varrie Nicholson is the beloved mother of Robbie LaJean and James Edmond, Katrina Juanise and Larry Williams, Robert Fitzgerald and Quanshanda Nicholson, and Raynard Lydell Nicholson; and the loving grandmother of James, Nicholas, Kendall, Jonathan, and Robert:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career and personal achievements garnered by Varrie Nicholson down through the years and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 teacher Varrie Nicholson of Donald McHenry Elementary School in East St. Louis, Illinois, School District 189.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Esther Haywood  
 District No. 71

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. 2476, adopted May 5, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker