

House Resolution No. 2486

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge those Show-Me State schools whose excellence, high standards, and sustained achievement bring honor and glory to this state and its exemplary citizenry; and

Whereas, Columbia Elementary School in the Joplin School District deserves special recognition as one of only fifteen educational institutions throughout the state to earn Gold Star School status this year; and

Whereas, to be honored on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Columbia Elementary School will be commended as an outstanding public school noted for its tremendous performance and achievement; and

Whereas, the Missouri Gold Star Schools Program was established in 1991-1992 in close alignment with what is now known as the national No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program; and

Whereas, Gold Star Schools stand out from their neighbors through exceptional academic standards and improvement documented during a five-year period, a comprehensive framework of criteria used for self-assessment and planning, and a willingness to communicate and share best educational practices with other institutions; and

Whereas, Columbia Elementary School was selected as a Gold Star School on the basis of uniformly high ratings for student focus and support, school organization and culture, challenging standards and curriculum, active teaching and learning, professionalism, leadership and educational vitality, clear indicators of academic success, and effective partnerships between school, family, and community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Columbia Elementary School upon the school's selection as a Missouri Gold Star School and to convey this legislative body's sincerest best wishes for unparalleled academic success for many more years to come; 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 Columbia Elementary School.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan P. Stevenson
District No. 128

Representative Ronald Richard
District No. 129

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. 2486, adopted May 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker