

House Resolution No. 2773

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have admirably ensured the firmest of foundations upon which youth can mature, grow, and develop into the next generation of society's leaders; and

Whereas, Stephen M. Poort, Ed.D., of Sedalia, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as President of State Fair Community College, a position of supreme leadership and utmost responsibility which he will draw to an honorable close on June 30, 2003, in retirement; and

Whereas, Dr. Poort brought to his labors at State Fair Community College a wealth of knowledge and experience which he had gleaned from earlier positions as a teacher and administrative intern in Washburn Unified School District 438 of Topeka, Kansas; Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Unified School District 290 in Ottawa, Kansas; Dean of Academic Affairs at State Fair Community College; Vice President of Instruction at Northampton County Area Community College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Vice President of Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa; and President of Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and

Whereas, during his illustrious seven-year-long tenure in the top administrative office of President at State Fair Community College, Dr. Poort led the way to completing several building projects, opening off-campus sites in Boonville and Jefferson City, and raising nearly nine million dollars in the most successful capital fund drive in Missouri community college history; and

Whereas, Dr. Poort also deserves mention of his receipt of the 1972 State Fair Community College Outstanding Service Award and his invaluable participation in the Missouri Association of Community Colleges Presidents Council, Missouri Training and Employment Council, Missouri State Council on Vocational Education, Governor's Committee on High Technology, Pettis County Industrial Development Corporation, Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce, and Sedalia Rotary Club:

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 educational career and impressive accomplishments garnered down through the years by Dr. Stephen Poort and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations, deepest gratitude, and best wishes as he 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 Dr. Stephen M. Poort of Sedalia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Todd Smith
 District No. 118

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. 2773, adopted May 9, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker