

House Resolution No. 2844

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem all of those Show-Me State residents whose excellent quality in the pursuit of their daily endeavors has admirably enhanced the learning environment of students in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Tom Dudley has attained distinction as a custodian with the Mexico School District for the past three and one-half decades, an exceptional commitment which he will draw to a close in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, a member of the custodial staff since September 1968, Tom Dudley has been the daytime custodian at Mexico High School for thirty-one years; and

Whereas, in addition to his love of well-swept floors, clean display cases, and pristine cafeteria and kitchen areas, Tom Dudley handily finds the time and energy to keep in top condition such athletic facilities as those used for high school football and junior high school track; and

Whereas, although his assigned hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tom Dudley consistently arrives early each day to be the first person at school and stays late each afternoon to ensure everything is taken care of properly, especially in winter when he checks and double-checks the heating system for the health and safety of his young charges and his professional colleagues; and

Whereas, Tom Dudley is a native of the Mexico area who fondly recalls his first job washing dishes at the old Mom and Pop restaurant on the square; and

Whereas, the loving father of Valerie and a devoted grandfather to his one granddaughter, Tom Dudley plans to spend his retirement doing odd jobs for friends and neighbors and in doing his best to stimulate the economy by pleasantly wiling away the hours at casino riverboats:

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 contributions and impressive community involvement associated with Tom Dudley during his nearly thirty-five years with Mexico Schools and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations 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 for Tom Dudley of Mexico, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

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. 2844, adopted May 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker