

Whereas, Procter Elementary School in the Independence School District in Independence, Missouri, has been selected as a Gold Star School for 2002-2003 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Procter Elementary School was formally honored as a Gold Star School during the Gold Star Schools Forum held May 7, 2003, in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, one of fifteen schools chosen for the prestigious Gold Star Award, Procter Elementary School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, a Gold Star School is one that has been judged particularly effective in meeting local and state goals and displays award criteria that include offering challenging standards and curriculum, teaching, active learning and learning-centered school contexts, as well as objective "indicators of success" based upon student performance, daily student and teacher attendance rates, and school, staff, and student awards; and

Whereas, Procter Elementary School serves 230 students in grades K-5, with an additional 40 children who participate in the Early Childhood/3-4 year-old programs at the school, and distinguishes itself as a "collaborative community" that relies on the instructional excellence of its teaching staff and the supportive community partnerships developed through its Caring Community, Neighborhood Council, and Parent Teacher Association; and

Whereas, Procter Elementary School's excellence is also expanded through its partnership with Graceland University, which brings professional development, teacher mentoring, and teacher training to the school every day of the school year and ensures outstanding instructional practices at every grade level and in every co-curricular activity; and

Whereas, Procter Elementary School structures its collaborative efforts utilizing the Accelerated Schools model and has found success applying the principles of "unity of purpose, building on strengths, and empowering with responsibility" to develop best practices in every area of student life; and

Whereas, Procter Elementary School could not have attained Gold Star School status without the unparalleled leadership of its principal and an exceptional teaching staff that has continually instilled within all students the desire to realize their full potential:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the students and faculty at Procter Elementary School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; 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 Procter Elementary School in Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

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. 2807, adopted May 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker