

## House Resolution No. 3117

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, Truman State University is losing a valuable member of its faculty in June 2003 with the retirement of Dr. Robert E. Cowan who has devoted many years of his life to the education of this state's citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cowan has taught for thirty-three years at Truman State University, where he is held in high esteem as a former teaching assistant and as a current Professor of Psychology; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Dr. Cowan also worked as a teaching assistant at the University of Missouri for two years; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cowan's teaching interests include experimental psychology, psychological testing and history, and systems of psychology, with research interests focusing on Thorndike's Law of Exercise; and

**Whereas**, Robert Cowan has supported his profession as a member of the American Psychological Association, the Midwestern Psychological Association, Psi Chi, and Phi Beta Kappa, of which he serves as an officer in the Delta of Missouri Chapter; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cowan leaves his duties and responsibilities at Truman State University with tremendous satisfaction that he has always given more than one hundred percent to assure each student the best education possible; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cowan has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Pam Cowan, and two sons, Kevin Cowan and David Cowan:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Dr. Cowan has rendered to others and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; 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 Dr. Robert E. Cowan, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Robert J. Behnen  
District No. 2

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. 3117, adopted May 28, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker