

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, Jr., an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, who is retiring from the St. Louis Public Schools after a successful career in education that has spanned more than four decades; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Hammonds has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as the Superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools since 1996, during which time he has provided tremendous leadership to a school district composed of 40,000 students and more than 6,000 employees; and

**Whereas**, a former educator in the Champaign Public Schools and at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Hammonds has not wavered in his belief that all children are entitled to a quality education, a commitment that is evident in programs that identify "Schools of Opportunities" with low achievement and provide them with additional resources, mandate summer school attendance, create new alternative education programs, and recruit and maintain qualified teachers; and

**Whereas**, a member of the Large City Schools Superintendents organization, Horace Mann League, and the Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund, Dr. Hammonds was integral in ending the twenty-seven year-old school desegregation case in St. Louis and served as Superintendent for school districts in Inkster, Michigan, from 1975 to 1979, Durham, North Carolina, from 1979 to 1988, and Birmingham, Alabama, from 1988 to 1995 before accepting the role of Superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools; and

**Whereas**, a 1954 graduate of Alton High School, Dr. Hammonds earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and received his doctoral degree from the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1973; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Hammonds looks forward to his much-deserved retirement so that he can spend more quality time in the company of his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, the former Yvonne Parks, and his three daughters and two grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Dr. Hammonds for his forty-two years of unparalleled service to the St. Louis Public Schools and to the teaching profession, and in wishing him the long, rewarding, and enjoyable retirement he so richly 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. Cleveland Hammonds, Jr.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins  
 District No. 60

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. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker