

House Resolution No. 4042

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge two significant occurrences in the history of one of the Show-Me State's most successful educational facilities, Ridgeway Elementary School in the Columbia School District; and

Whereas, Ridgeway Elementary School was founded in September 1923 on property purchased from the estate of Odon Guitar, a Civil War general and Columbia lawyer; and

Whereas, named after John C. Ridgeway, the first soldier from Boone County to lose his life in World War I, Ridgeway Elementary School expanded its physical structure through the 1936 completion of the second half of the current building; and

Whereas, under the guidance of Dr. O.V. Wheeler as Principal, Ridgeway Elementary School became a magnet school in 1972 and reorganized its curricula around the concept of Individually Guided Education and continues the IGE philosophy of "Success teaches Success" under Principal Susan Fales; and

Whereas, Ridgeway Elementary School ensures that each student develops the positive self-concept needed for success in school and in life through a teaching format based on shared decision making, student centeredness, team teaching, collaborative processes, multi-age grouping, and communities of learners; a curriculum which emphasizes multi-level materials, literature experience, writing emphasis, manipulative experience, and developmentally appropriate technology; and home-school-community relations that include parent choice, volunteers, and such Partners in Education as Ameren/UE and Spicer Axle; and

Whereas, Ridgeway Elementary School has received recognition as a nationally recognized Outstanding Elementary School, Branch Out Missouri grant recipient, corecipient of a three-year, \$234,000 technology grant entitled Constructing and Networking for Multi-age Learning, and Top Ten school for Grade 4 Mathematics in the 2001 Missouri Assessment Program:

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 history of Ridgeway Elementary School and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations to all of its administrators, teachers, staff, and students upon the Eightieth Anniversary of its establishment as an educational institution and our best wishes for a highly successful dedication of the new Media Center; 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 presentation to Ridgeway Elementary School in the Columbia School District.

Offered by _____
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson
District No. 25

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. 4042, adopted September 11, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker