

House Resolution No. 4134

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have admirably committed themselves to helping students achieve lofty goals in preparation for future roles as societal leaders; and

Whereas, Cosetta Cox of Memorial Middle School in the Joplin R-VIII School District has attained considerable distinction since arriving there in 1999; and

Whereas, Cosetta Cox has increased her already exceptional professional standing through her receipt of well-deserved Missouri Teacher of the Year finalist recognition for the year 2003-2004; and

Whereas, Cosetta Cox began her educational career in 1996 as a special education teacher in the Lamar School District before shifting her efforts to Creative Arts, Arts in Action, Language Arts, Career Learning, Skills Development, Math, After-School Reading, After-School Math, Quiz Bowl, and Student Council endeavors in Joplin; and

Whereas, universally hailed as a truly great teacher, Cosetta Cox has an exceptional ability to connect with all of her students, including those considered at-risk and special needs; and

Whereas, Cosetta Cox has helped maintain the highest standards of professionalism in her chosen career through her welcomed participation in the Missouri State Teachers Association, Phi Kappa Phi, Business Education Alliance Committee, and Drop-Out Task Force Committee; and

Whereas, Cosetta Cox is the beloved wife of Mike; loving mother of David Johnson, Jennifer (Cox) Newkirk, and Travis Cox; and the wonderful grandmother of Kyle Johnson and Cory Johnson:

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 career and impressive accomplishments of educator Cosetta Cox and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon her well-deserved selection as Missouri Teacher of the Year finalist; 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 in honor of Cosetta Cox of Jasper, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman, Dist. #131

Representative Ronald F. Richard, Dist. #129

Representative Bryan Stevenson, Dist. #128

Representative Steve Hunter, Dist. #127

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. 4134, adopted September 22, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker