

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational institutions which have demonstrated tremendous academic achievement on the part of their students; and

Whereas, Fordland Elementary School in the Fordland R-III School District of Webster County has attained considerable distinction as one of only 248 institutions chosen as a “No Child Left Behind Blue-Ribbon School” during 2003 by the United States Department of Education; and

Whereas, on October 30, 2003, Fordland Elementary School Principal Dan Neal will travel to Washington, DC, to receive the “No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School” award on behalf of the school’s students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators who contributed to the group effort necessary to meet with such outstanding success; and

Whereas, Fordland Elementary School provides educational opportunities to nearly three hundred students through the labors of thirty-two certificated personnel and other staffers, all of whom are dedicated to helping their young charges attain the highest goals in life; and

Whereas, the “No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School” program utilized Missouri Assessment Program communication arts and math scores from the past three years to determine if Fordland Elementary School students have dramatically improved performance in comparison with national norms at a particular grade despite disadvantaged backgrounds, or achieved in the top ten percent of assessment results regardless of background; and

Whereas, “No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools” come from throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Agency:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Fordland Elementary School as a United States Department of Education “No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School” and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations at this momentous time in their lives and our best wishes for continued personal, professional, and educational success now and in the future; 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 Fordland Elementary School in the Fordland R-III School District of Wright County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Michael L. Cunningham
 District No. 145

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.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker