

House Resolution No. 256

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, Kate M. Wottowa of Saint Louis has attained considerable distinction as a gifted arts elementary teacher in the Mehlville School District; and

Whereas, Kate Wottowa enhanced her already impressive record of achievements on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, when she was publicly recognized in the Capitol Rotunda by the Missouri NBPTS Network for her National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, the daughter of Jack and Peggy Wottowa of Belleville, Illinois, Kate Wottowa was born in Saint Louis, was raised in Belleville, graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art, completed a Master of Science degree in 1994, and joined the staff of Rogers Elementary School in 1997 after teaching three years in Illinois; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Kate Wottowa presented evidence of her teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Kate Wottowa underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Kate Wottowa down through the years and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon her completion of National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our best wishes for continued success as a respected employee of the Mehlville School District; 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 Kate M. Wottowa.

Offered by _____
Representative Fred Kratky
District No. 65

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 256, adopted January 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker