

House Resolution No. 504

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have dedicated themselves to assisting each generation of students in the preparation needed to take future roles as societal leaders; and

Whereas, Eldonna DeWeese of Bolivar attained considerable distinction during her twenty-five years at Southwest Baptist University, a professional undertaking which she brought to a close during December 2003; and

Whereas, at the time of her well-deserved retirement, Eldonna DeWeese held the academic rank of Assistant Professor and the title of Collection Development/Acquisitions Librarian; and

Whereas, Eldonna DeWeese prepared for her impressive educational career by earning an Associate of Arts degree from what was then known as Southwest Baptist College, a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, a Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, and a Master of Art in English from Southwest Missouri State University; and

Whereas, Eldonna DeWeese brought to her highly-respected efforts at Southwest Baptist University a wealth of experience and knowledge which she had garnered from employment as an English and speech instructor and librarian at Pierce City High School, as a graduate assistant and reference librarian at the reference desk of Southwest Missouri State University Library, and in the distribution department of Micro-Magic System of Bolivar; and

Whereas, in addition to working as the Collection Development/Acquisitions Librarian at Southwest Baptist University, Eldonna DeWeese served her institution as Acting Dean of the Library during 2000 and 2001 and as the Editor of the Southern Baptist Periodical Index from 1987 until her retirement:

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 contributions so generously given by Eldonna DeWeese to the ever-important field of higher education and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 Eldonna DeWeese of Bolivar, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ronnie Miller
 District No. 133

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. 504, adopted February 12, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker