

House Resolution No. 1390

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Helen Guyton Warren, an esteemed resident of Columbia, Missouri, who holds distinction as the first African American woman to graduate from Central Missouri State University (1959); and

Whereas, 2004 marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka, a groundbreaking case in which the United States Supreme Court ended federally sanctioned racial segregation in the public schools on May 17, 1954, by ruling unanimously that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal"; and

Whereas, Helen Warren received her Bachelor of Science degree from Central Missouri State University in 1959, and went on to play an integral role in the educational development of numerous youngsters as a teacher for many years; and

Whereas, Helen Warren is a successful business owner who supports the Martin Luther King, Jr., Annual Celebration, serves as Music Director of the Multicultural Choir, and enjoys the recognition of having the Sisters of Ujima scholarship named in her honor; and

Whereas, Helen Warren is a devout member of the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, where she has glorified the Lord in the position of Music Director; and

Whereas, Helen Warren has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Harold Warren; her two children, Harold, II, and Helisao; and her three grandchildren, Harold, III, Haleigh, and Marisa:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Helen Warren, the first African American woman to graduate from Central Missouri State University, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to serve as an inspiration to others; 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 Helen Guyton Warren.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

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. 1390, adopted April 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker