

House Resolution No. 2189

Whereas, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Tarkio R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2004, with the retirement of Mary Lou Knepper who has devoted nearly three decades of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a secretary and educator; and

Whereas, Mary Lou Knepper has worked for twenty-nine years in the Tarkio R-I School District, where she is held in high esteem as an individual who demonstrates considerable competence in fulfilling all of her duties; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Mary Lou Knepper served as a teachers assistant and substitute teacher for four years prior to assuming her current responsibilities as Secretary to the Superintendent, a position she has held for a quarter century; and

Whereas, Mary Lou Knepper's incredible ability to plan, organize, and carry out a rigorous schedule of daily office activity for a total of four superintendents reflects creditably upon her strong work ethic and her steadfast dedication to a high standard of excellence; and

Whereas, Mary Lou Knepper has also enjoyed recognition as a member of Tarkio Presbyterian Church, the Red Hat Society, the PEO Sisterhood, and the Tarkio College Alumni Board, of which she is a past member; and

Whereas, Mary Lou Knepper has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Teresa Smith of Tarkio and Allan Knepper of Fresno:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Tarkio R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Mary Lou Knepper has rendered to the Superintendent's Office and Missouri's children, and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; 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 Mary Lou Knepper, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
 Representative Brad Lager
 District No. 4

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. 2189, adopted April 27, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker