

## House Resolution No. 2198

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

**Whereas**, Sylvia D. Gaitan, an esteemed resident of Lee's Summit, Missouri, will officially retire from the Hickman Mills C-1 School District on June 14, 2004, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible thirty years; and

**Whereas**, Sylvia Gaitan has played an integral role in the educational development of numerous Missouri youth as a stellar employee of the Hickman Mills C-1 School District for twenty-eight years, during which time she has served as Principal of Santa Fe Accelerated Elementary School, as an Assistant Principal, and as a Teacher; and

**Whereas**, during her impressive tenure, Sylvia Gaitan served on various District committees and was instrumental in helping Santa Fe Accelerated Elementary School to become the first school to serve a different culture's menu in the lunch room every month; and

**Whereas**, Sylvia Gaitan gained an immeasurable amount of teaching experience as a teacher with the Kansas City 33 School District for two years prior to joining the Hickman Mills C-1 School District; and

**Whereas**, Sylvia Gaitan is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the KCSEPA, NABSE, ASCD, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., the Twin Citian Club, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

**Whereas**, Sylvia Gaitan has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Fernando, and her two children, Avier and Fernando, III (Trey):

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Sylvia Gaitan for her three decades of unparalleled service to the Hickman Mills C-1 School District and to the teaching profession, and in wishing her the long, enjoyable retirement she so richly 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 Sylvia D. Gaitan.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Vicki L. Walker  
District No. 50

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. 2198, adopted April 27, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker