

House Resolution No. 2894

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State students who have dedicated themselves to creatively making the most of their academic opportunities; and

Whereas, the 2004 first-grade class of Laurie Hoppe has attained distinction at William Southern Elementary School in the Independence 30 School District; and

Whereas, in cooperation with their illustrious, innovative teacher, the students of Laurie Hoppe have engaged themselves in an integrated curriculum project entitled "Talk Back Roll Call" which involves learning the seventeen Roll Call Steps; obtaining a Seal of Approval from the school's principal and members of the local Parent Teachers Association and National Education Association, the District's superintendent and school board, and the city's mayor and city council; and creating a video to send to the Governor of Missouri and to the President of the United States requesting them to give a Seal of Approval; and

Whereas, the "Talk Back Roll Call" program incorporates such educational concepts as memory, colors, math numbers, current events, geography, science, government, teamwork, school spirit, history, school and home relationship, attendance and punctuality, success, and physical activity; and

Whereas, "Talk Back Roll Call" challenges students to learn such important characteristics about themselves as their name, address, birth date, and school; and

Whereas, students in "Talk Back Roll Call" also learn that they are individuals who can gain a perspective on themselves as residents of a particular city, county, state, country, and continent which are found on a world that is itself a part of a solar system, galaxy, and universe:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant number of hours and considerable amount of energy which have gone into the "Talk Back Roll Call" program for first graders at William Southern Elementary School in the Independence School District and to convey to the current students of program founder Laurie Hoppe this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued educational success for many more years to come; 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 Laurie Hoppe's first-grade class of 2004 at William Southern Elementary School in Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Paul LeVota
 District No. 52

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. 2894, adopted May 10, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker