

House Resolution No. 2754

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, Pat Swofford, an esteemed resident of Ozark, Missouri, will officially retire from the Nixa R-II School District in June 2004 after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible thirty-three years; and

Whereas, Pat Swofford has played an integral role in the educational development of many Missouri youth as a stellar employee of the Nixa R-II School District for eighteen years, during which time she has served as an elementary and high school counselor, and as an elementary school teacher; and

Whereas, during her impressive tenure, Pat Swofford developed the "Extra Care" program, brought many volunteers into the school district, and received the Southwest Missouri Counselor of the Year award; and

Whereas, Pat Swofford gained an immeasurable amount of teaching experience as an educator with the Maryville School District for fifteen years prior to joining the Nixa R-II School District; and

Whereas, Pat Swofford is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Missouri State Counselors Association, and the Southwest Missouri School Counselors Association; and

Whereas, Pat Swofford has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, the Reverend Gene Swofford; her six children and their spouses, Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Kackley, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Alvarado, Mr. and Mrs. William Macias, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clampitt, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Hunt; and her thirteen grandchildren, Michael, Melissa, Ryan, Landon, Derek, Dustin, Natasha, Aryon, Chrisie, Ruth, Rachel, Ashley, and Sabrina:

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 Pat Swofford for her thirty-three years of unparalleled service to the Nixa R-II 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 Pat Swofford.

Offered by _____
Representative Jay Wasson
District No. 141

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. 2754, adopted May 6, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker