

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who have retired from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Ferguson-Florissant R-II School District will lose a valuable member of its faculty on June 9, 2004, with the retirement of Evelyn Marie Head who devoted more than three decades of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Evelyn Head taught for twenty-nine years in the Ferguson-Florissant School District during those twenty-nine years she taught at DeSmet Elementary and Parker Road Elementary School, where she was held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrated considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Evelyn Head taught fourth grade at Kinloch Elementary School for three years in the Kinloch School District in St. Louis County; and

Whereas, Evelyn Head has enjoyed recognition as a Math Representative and member of the Technology Committee at Parker Road, an after-school tutor, and a member of the Ferguson-Florissant National Education Association, the Missouri National Education Association, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

Whereas, Evelyn Head derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her role as co-sponsor of Coleman Wright's Children's Church, Vice President of the St. Louis District Stewardess CME Church, and as lay Vice President of the St. Louis CME Church, where she has also served as Secretary of the Bishop's Committee; and

Whereas, Evelyn Head has been blessed with a wonderful family whose members include one daughter, Tawana White; her parents, Delores Head and the late John Head; her grandmother, Alberta Hinton; her grandfather, Willie Head, the first African-American mayor in the state of Missouri; and her siblings, Patricia Johnson, Joyce Martin, the Honorable Juanita Head Walton, State Representative from the 81st District, Sharon Gill, John S. Head, Willie Head, and Charles Head:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Ferguson-Florissant R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Evelyn Head rendered to 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 Evelyn Marie Head, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Juanita Head Walton
District No. 81

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. 2763, adopted May 6, 2004.

