

Whereas, as the 2003-2004 academic 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 University of Missouri-St. Louis is losing a valuable member of its faculty in August 2004 with the retirement of Dr. Gary K. Burger who has devoted nearly four decades of his life to the education of this state's citizens through tireless endeavors as a professor; and

Whereas, Dr. Burger has worked for thirty-two years at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and a remarkable degree of leadership; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Dr. Burger served twenty years as Chairman of the Psychology Department and twenty-five years as a member of the Faculty Senate during his impressive tenure at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, prior to which he was Associate Professor of Psychology at Saint Louis University for six years; and

Whereas, known as a respected teacher, researcher, and campus citizen, Dr. Burger further distinguished himself by playing an instrumental role in starting the Ph.D. program in industrial organizational psychology; and

Whereas, as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Dr. Burger, many Missourians have left the classrooms of the University of Missouri-St. Louis fully prepared to face the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, Gary Burger has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Joan M. Burger; three children, Gary K. Burger, Jr., Christine M. Hertneky, and Eric W. Burger; and one grandchild, Jordan, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the University of Missouri-St. Louis in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Dr. Burger has rendered to Missouri's students and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he 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 Dr. Gary K. Burger, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

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. 3012, adopted May 12, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker