

## House Resolution No. 4766

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State school administrators who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in the areas of educational leadership and community involvement; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Dennis R. Lea has attained considerable distinction as the Superintendent of the Valley Park School District which is located in the metropolitan region of St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, during October 24 to 26, 2003, Dr. Dennis Lea enhanced his already stellar record of accomplishment through his receipt of Missouri 2004 Superintendent of the Year honors at the Missouri Association of School Administrators joint fall conference which was held in conjunction with the Missouri School Boards' Association at centrally located Tan-Tar-A Resort; and

**Whereas**, Superintendent of the Valley Park School District since 1990, Dr. Dennis Lea previously held the same title in the Fulton School District and Ralls County R-II School District and served as High School Principal of the Trenton R-IX School District; and

**Whereas**, under the leadership of Dr. Dennis Lea, the Valley Park School District has improved student achievement, improved attendance, lowered the dropout rate, improved professional development, significantly expanded the district's technology program, and successfully engaged the public to support passage of such bond issues and levies as a 75-cent tax levy to build an Early Childhood and Elementary Health Education Center, which the local school board named in his honor; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Dennis Lea is a member of three state educational organizations, chairs at least one committee for each, is an adjunct profession for Saint Louis University, and is a leader with the St. Louis Arts and Education Council, St. Louis County Rotary Club, West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce, Valley Park Business Association, and Valley Park Chamber of Commerce:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dr. Dennis Lea as the Missouri 2004 Superintendent of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Administrators and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations at this momentous time in his life and our best wishes for continued success long into the future; 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 in honor of Dr. Dennis R. Lea of Valley Park, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Jodi A. Stefanick  
 District No. 93

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4766, adopted December 3, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker