

## House Resolution No. 346

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have overcome economic or other difficulties in the pursuit of their higher education through participation in the TRIO program established by the United States Congress in 1965; and

**Whereas**, Three Rivers Community College (TRCC) in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, wholeheartedly supports affiliation with TRIO as a way to ensure that low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities are successful in their quest for a college education; and

**Whereas**, TRIO programs nationwide annually celebrate TRIO Day by honoring alumni from their respective programs through awards presented to those outstanding students who have excelled academically and have persevered despite personal or family adversity; and

**Whereas**, Kristen Nelsen graduated from Twin Rivers High School in 1998 with an Opportunity Scholarship, Three Rivers Community College in 2000 with an Associate of Arts degree, and Missouri Southern State University in 2004 with a Bachelor of General Studies degree and an Associate of Science degree in dental hygiene; and

**Whereas**, a Student Support Services participant, Kristen Nelsen subsequently passed the National Board written exam and the State Clinical Exam for dental hygienists to become licensed as a Registered Dental Hygienist; and

**Whereas**, Kristen Nelsen currently is employed by Semo Health Network at Sikeston Dental as a Registered Dental Hygienist and member of the American Dental Hygiene Association and the Missouri Dental Hygiene Association; and

**Whereas**, Kristen Nelsen will received well-deserved honors and accolades on February 18, 2005, when she receives a TRIO Achievement Award during TRIO Day observances at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the diligent studies which have helped carry Kristen Nelsen so far in life as an exemplary TRIO program alumna who has concretely transformed her educational dreams into reality; 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 Kristen Nelsen, RDH.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Gayle Kingery  
 District No. 154

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 346, adopted February 2, 2005.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker