

## House Resolution No. 457

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to recognize the meritorious endeavors of outstanding Show-Me State employees, a task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

**Whereas**, Major Janet Dowell of rural Mexico, Missouri, will retire from her rank of Major with the Missouri Department of Corrections, Women's Eastern Reception Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Vandalia, on March 1, 2005, after an eighteen-year career in state government; and

**Whereas**, Major Dowell is an outstanding individual who has faithfully performed her important duties and responsibilities with the utmost professionalism, conscientiousness, and fairness; and

**Whereas**, Major Dowell commenced her career with the Department of Corrections as a Corrections Officer I at Central Missouri Correctional Center on August 11, 1986, since which time she has risen through the ranks to become a Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and her current position as Major; and

**Whereas**, during her impressive tenure with the Department of Corrections, Major Dowell oversaw the security aspects of the opening of the Women's Eastern Reception Diagnostic and Correctional Center in 1998 by supervising the hiring of the custody staff members and organizing that group into an outstanding team of well-trained correctional professionals; and

**Whereas**, Major Dowell's careful planning and leadership skills contributed to the opening of the new facility and the movement of staff, offenders, and property without incident, a monumental task that Major Dowell made look easy with her efficient and patient manner; and

**Whereas**, Major Dowell will undoubtedly look back over the past several years and reminisce about her many worthwhile experiences and her special relationships with revered colleagues while basking in the glow of a successful career now at its end; and

**Whereas**, Janet Dowell has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Ron Dowell; three daughters, Lisa Niekamp of Mexico, Missy Dowell of Paradise Island, Bahamas, and Dana Dowell-Kalivas of Cummings, Georgia; one grandson and his wife, Dwight and Stephanie Taylor; and two great-grandchildren, Claire Dawn Taylor and Jacob Martin Taylor:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing deep gratitude for the superb service that Major Janet Dowell has rendered to the Show-Me State during the past eighteen years and in wishing her ample opportunity to travel, play golf, and visit with family members and friends; 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 Major Janet Dowell, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

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. 457, adopted February 10, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker