

## House Resolution No. 800

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State parents who are dedicated to helping today's students prepare for roles as lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, during the year 2004, approximately thirty-two thousand students were identified as gifted and served in special programs, more than eight hundred teachers worked in state-assisted gifted education programs, nearly three hundred Missouri school districts had state-assisted gifted programs, and nearly \$25 million was appropriated for gifted programs; and

**Whereas**, parents of gifted students believe that all children should be lovingly nurtured in a safe, supportive environment where each child is accepted and appreciated as a unique individual; should have access to an education where they can learn and achieve at a level appropriate to their abilities; and have an opportunity to develop their talents in positive ways to create value for themselves and others; and

**Whereas**, parents of Missouri's gifted students appreciate and encourage their children's abstract reasoning powers, persistent intellectual curiosity, broad range of interests, avid reading habits, keen senses of humor, verbal expertise, and special talents; and

**Whereas**, parents of gifted students believe that the uniqueness of their children should be understood and nurtured, and that Missourians must become aware of gifted children and their needs at home, at school, and in the community; and

**Whereas**, parents of gifted children lobby schools to be flexible with gifted students and to develop classes or programs that meet the unique needs of gifted students; and

**Whereas**, parents of gifted students become active advocates for all gifted children, develop as leaders for gifted children in the school reform movement, and work for adequate funding for the education of gifted children in Missouri:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the contributions and accomplishments associated with the parents of gifted students and to convey to all of those involved in the education of gifted students this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol for Gifted Education of Missouri Day on March 2, 2005; 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 the parents of gifted students.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sara Lampe  
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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. 800, adopted February 28, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker