

## House Resolution No. 2172

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State educators who have dedicated themselves to creatively providing their students with the resources, challenges, and guidance needed to make the most of their academic opportunities; and

**Whereas**, Laurie Countryman has attained distinction as a teacher at William Southern Elementary School in the Independence 30 School District; and

**Whereas**, in cooperation with her devoted students, Laurie Countryman has implemented an integrated curriculum project entitled "It's Our Country, Man Roll Call" which involves learning the seventeen Roll Call Steps; obtaining a Seal of Approval from the school's principal and members of the local Parent Teachers Association and National Education Association, the District's superintendent and school board; and the city's mayor and city council; and creating a video to send to the Governor of Missouri and to the President of the United States requesting them to give a Seal of Approval; and

**Whereas**, the "It's Our Country, Man Roll Call" program incorporates such educational concepts as memory, colors, math numbers, current events, geography, science, government, teamwork, school spirit, history, school and home relationship, attendance and punctuality, success, and physical activity; and

**Whereas**, "It's Our Country, Man Roll Call" challenges students to learn such important characteristics about themselves as their name, address, birth date, and school; and

**Whereas**, students in "It's Our Country, Man Roll Call" also learn that they are individuals who can gain a perspective on themselves as residents of a particular city, county, state, country, and continent which are found on a world that is itself a part of a solar system, galaxy, and universe:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant number of hours and considerable amount of energy which have gone into the inception and creation of the "It's Our Country, Man Roll Call" program for first graders at William Southern Elementary School in the Independence School District and to convey to founder Laurie Countryman and her many students this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued educational success for many more years to come; 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 teacher Laurie Countryman of William Southern Elementary School in Independence, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Paul LeVota  
District No. 52

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. 2172, adopted April 14, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker