

House Resolution No. 2629

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Susan Stepleton, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, who will receive the 2005 St. Louis Women of Achievement Award during a special presentation to be held May 16, 2005; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Women of Achievement Award recognizes women of diverse cultures, roles, and accomplishments who have demonstrated commitment to the betterment of the St. Louis area through significant voluntary contributions; and

Whereas, in her role as CEO of the Parents as Teachers National Center, Sue Stepleton oversees the largest parent education program in the nation, bringing child development information directly to parents; and

Whereas, under Sue's leadership, the Parents as Teachers approach has grown significantly and currently boasts more than 3,000 programs around the world including the recent expansion into China and Germany; and

Whereas, Sue Stepleton has compiled an enviable list of service to the St. Louis community through her active affiliation with the Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies, the Missouri Alliance for Children and Families, and the St. Louis Crisis Nursery, which she helped establish; and

Whereas, appointed to the original board of the Missouri Children's Trust Fund by Governor Kit Bond in 1982, Sue Stepleton was also one of the original conveners of what is now the St. Louis Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, a program which brings together foster care advocates to organize a unified approach to recruiting foster parents:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Susan Stepleton at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; 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 2005 St. Louis Women of Achievement Award recipient, Susan Stepleton.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

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. 2629, adopted April 27, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker