

House Resolution No. 2868

Whereas, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the DeSoto School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 11, 2005, with the retirement of Bonnie J. Rieffer who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Bonnie Rieffer has taught physical education for twenty-five and one-half years at Athena Elementary School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Bonnie Rieffer taught at DeSoto High School for one-half year and in the Burkburnett School District in Texas for three and one-half years prior to assuming her current responsibilities at Athena Elementary School; and

Whereas, a junior high volleyball coach, Bonnie Rieffer has also served as a sponsor for various causes, including varsity cheerleading, jump rope, and drama; and

Whereas, Bonnie Rieffer derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her affiliation with Redeemer Lutheran Church, where she serves as Choir and Bell Choir Director; and

Whereas, Bonnie Rieffer has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Merlin Rieffer; six children, William Rieffer, Christine Rieffer, Kathryn Wagner, Amanda Rieffer, Emmylou Rieffer, and Louise Rieffer; her mother, Louise Myers; two brothers, Earl A. Myers and John F. Myers; and two sisters, Kathy Westhoff and Betsy Henry:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the DeSoto School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Bonnie Rieffer has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; 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 Bonnie J. Rieffer, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Wes Wagner
District No. 104

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. 2868, adopted May 3, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker