

## House Resolution No. 3165

**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 Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 25, 2005, with the retirement of secondary special education teacher Gail Higginbotham 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**, Gail Higginbotham has taught for six years at Wellington-Napoleon R-IX, 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, Gail Higginbotham has served as a special education teacher in various school districts in Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Gail Higginbotham has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

**Whereas**, Gail Higginbotham has supported her profession as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association and the Community Teachers Association; and

**Whereas**, Gail Higginbotham has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Gregg Higginbotham; and her children and their spouses, Hillari Meade and Lt. Ivan Bowen of Ft. Riley, Kansas, and Shelby Brianna Higginbotham:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Gail Higginbotham 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 Gail Higginbotham, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Joe Aull  
District No. 26

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. 3165, adopted May 11, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker