

## House Resolution No. 3640

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State institutions which provide the educational opportunities necessary for students to garner the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, the Ronald E. McNair Sixth Grade Center in the University City School District has been the educational home for approximately three hundred students and thirty certificated staff; and

**Whereas**, the Ronald E. McNair Sixth Grade Center will close its doors at the end of the 2004-2005 school year in order to be renovated to house the district's administrative offices, alternative school, and Adult Education and Literacy programs; and

**Whereas**, previously known as the Brittany Woods Annex, the Ronald E. McNair Sixth Grade Center was renamed after NASA's first African-American astronaut, a space pioneer who died with six other crew members when the space shuttle Challenger exploded in 1986 shortly after takeoff; and

**Whereas**, beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, former Ronald E. McNair Sixth Grade Center students will remain in their neighborhood elementary schools for their sixth year of studies; and

**Whereas**, on Friday, June 10, 2005, a commemorative dinner will be held at the Airport Marriott Hotel to allow current and past students, staff members, and the community to reflect on the memories, legacy, achievements, and heritage of the Ronald E. McNair Sixth Grade Center; and

**Whereas**, principal Bernadette White also will use the dinner as a forum to announce a one-time Ronald E. McNair Scholarship which will be granted to a former McNair Sixth Grade Center student who will graduate from high school in 2006:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the legacy and achievements associated with the Ronald E. McNair Sixth Grade Center in the University City School District and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they shift the focus of their time and energy to other venues of service upon the closing of their educational institution; 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 Ronald E. McNair Sixth Grade Center of the University City School District in the Saint Louis metropolitan area.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
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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. 3640, adopted June 3, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker