

House Resolution No. 4608

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have demonstrated an exceptional ability to motivate, encourage, and instruct their students while at the same time helping their professional colleagues meet the highest possible standards of conduct and achievement in their chosen areas of expertise; and

Whereas, Gina Luerding-Looten of Lafayette High School in Wildwood, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a teacher who has risen to the top echelon of the education profession through successful contribution of a "Top Ten" lesson plan for the month of November 2004 in the SuccessLink program; and

Whereas, Gina Luerding-Looten's highly innovative and interesting lesson plan is entitled "La Négritude" for use in eleventh- and twelfth-grade social studies (world history) and foreign language courses; and

Whereas, SuccessLink seeks Missouri's best practices, lesson plans, and classroom ideas to share with teachers throughout the state via the Internet as an educational service mandated by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993 and funded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, SuccessLink has more than two thousand lessons created by Missouri teachers, aligned to state standards, and posted on the Internet; and

Whereas, the SuccessLink web site receives more than 150,000 visits each month as innovative teachers search for new and imaginative ways to improve student achievement in Missouri classrooms:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Gina Luerding-Looten for well-deserved SuccessLink recognition and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of award-winning, exemplary work in the classroom; 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 teacher Gina Luerding-Looten of the Rockwood R-VI School District.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jack Jackson
 District No. 89

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4608, adopted December 8, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker