

House Resolution No. 807

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who help ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Rosalyn Thomas has attained considerable distinction as the Coordinator of Cultural Diversity for the Springfield School District in Greene County, Missouri; and

Whereas, Rosalyn Thomas recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was one of twelve persons chosen by the Greater Ozarks Chapter of the American Red Cross as an Everyday Hero for the year 2007; and

Whereas, Rosalyn Thomas will be presented with her Everyday Hero Award on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at an awards breakfast at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in light of her tireless commitment to keeping kids in school and her ability to bridge gaps between all groups of people; and

Whereas, a former Rountree Elementary School teacher, Rosalyn Thomas began her educational career in 1974 and taught at Twain and Sherwood elementary schools before becoming Coordinator of Cultural Diversity in 1992; and

Whereas, Rosalyn Thomas also deserves mention of her service on the African American Achievement Task Force, as a recruiter for minority teachers in the district, as a sponsor of academic achievement clubs at Central High School, as a member of many scholarship committees, as a participant in Drury University's Comer Project, as a member of such community boards as Unite, NAACP, and the Ladies Civic League, as a Sunday School teacher at Washington Avenue Baptist Church, and as the coordinator of the church's Marriage Ministry and Bible Study classes for adults; and

Whereas, Springfield School District's Office of Cultural Diversity is committed to building a school district community in which all areas of cultural diversity are valued in order to enrich educational experiences by affording opportunities to challenge stereotypes and misconceptions that are often the foundation for insensitivity, misunderstanding, and conflict:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Rosalyn Thomas for an Everyday Hero Award from the Greater Ozarks Chapter of the American Red Cross and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; 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 presentation to Rosalyn Thomas of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Sara Lampe
 District No. 138

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 807, adopted February 27, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker