

House Resolution No. 1627

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school competitive programs that admirably provide students with the opportunity to garner the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, the Francis Howell School District sponsors a competitive robotics team that earned the Inspire Award at the First Vex Regional Competition that was held on the Florissant Valley campus of the Saint Louis Community College in December 2006; and

Whereas, in addition to its Inspire Award, the Francis Howell School District's RAVEN robotics team also took first place in the Web Page competition in 2006; and

Whereas, from March 1 through March 3, 2007, the RAVEN robotics team returned to the US FIRST Robotics Regional Competition to take Eleventh Place overall; and

Whereas, the RAVEN robotics team in earlier regional competitions had taken Second and Third places; and

Whereas, guided by mentors Tom Mantia, Lou Pape, and Dave Fischer, the Francis Howell School District's RAVEN robotics team is composed of students from all three high schools in the district; and

Whereas, the Saint Louis metropolitan area is home to approximately twenty competitive robotics teams, and the Regional competition attracted forty-five participants from as far away as Texas, South Dakota, and Michigan; and

Whereas, robots are designed and built in six weeks from a common kit of parts provided by FIRST Robotics and can weigh up to 140 pounds, travel up to 30 mph, and operate autonomously under program control or via remote radio control with student drivers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Francis Howell School District's competitive robotics program and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued 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 in honor of the Francis Howell School District's RAVEN Robotics team.

Offered by _____
Representative Sally A. Faith
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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. 1627, adopted March 29, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker