

Whereas, as the 2006-2007 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 Nixa R-II School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty in May 2007 with the retirement of Viva Reasoner who has devoted twenty-two years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Viva Reasoner has taught various elementary grades for twenty-one years at Nixa R-II, 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, Viva Reasoner taught in the Sparta R-III School District for one year prior to assuming her responsibilities with Nixa R-II; and

Whereas, Viva Reasoner 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, Viva Reasoner earned a Bachelor's degree at Southwest Missouri State University (now known as Missouri State University) in Springfield, attended Oral Roberts University, and earned a Master's degree at Drury College; and

Whereas, Viva Reasoner has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Gene Reasoner; her children, Heather and Aaron Summers, Travis and Jennifer Reasoner, Zachary Reasoner, Brooke Reasoner, Jason Reasoner, and Kia Turner; and her grandchildren, Kristen Shuffield, Jacob Shuffield, Katie Shuffield, Kylan Reasoner, Grace Reasoner, Hannah Summers, and Emma Summers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Nixa R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Viva Reasoner 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 Viva Reasoner, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Jay Wasson
District No. 141

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. 1506, adopted March 28, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker