

**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 Betty Wells who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a librarian; and

**Whereas**, Betty Wells has worked for thirty-four 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**, Betty Wells derives immense pleasure by educating teachers and students on how to succeed in developing their research skills while using various library resources and reference materials; and

**Whereas**, Betty Wells has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a librarian and as a friend; and

**Whereas**, Betty Wells is a member of the Parent Teachers Association, the Southwest Region of School Librarian, the Missouri Association of School Librarians, the Christian Women's Fellowship, and the Ozark Christian Church; and

**Whereas**, Betty Wells earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree at Southwest Missouri State University in West Plains; and

**Whereas**, Betty Wells has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Rick Wells; one daughter and son-in-law, Leah and Tim Huff; and three grandchildren, Bailey, Faith, and Troy:

**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 Betty Wells 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 Betty Wells, 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. 1509, adopted March 28, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker