

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State educators who admirably ensured that students obtained the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, Nick Leist of Jackson, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as a band teacher in Jackson public schools whose students earned number One ratings twenty-seven times in thirty years and who averaged thirty-five to fifty All-District Band members each year; and

**Whereas**, Nick Leist enhanced his already impressive record of achievement in January 2007 when he was selected for the Missouri Music Educators Association Hall of Fame; and

**Whereas**, universally praised for his genuine humility, Nick Leist always gives others credit for his successes, which include receipt of a prestigious 1994 Otto Dingeldein Award and a 1996 Phi Beta Mu Award for being the best band director in the state; and

**Whereas**, Nick Leist entered the field of music education at the request of LeRoy Mason, a former music educator at Jackson and at Southeast Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, Nick Leist abandoned his thoughts of a performance career once he entered the classroom as a teacher whose creative and innovative spirit led to the adoption of the "team teaching" concept in Jackson schools where teachers aren't split between grade levels, but instead teach music students all the way from middle school through high school; and

**Whereas**, Nick Leist is one of only two music educators from southeast Missouri to earn induction into the Missouri Music Educators Association Hall of Fame since its inception in 1985; and

**Whereas**, now retired after thirty-six years as an educator, Nick Leist taught in Advance, Hayti, and Caruthersville schools before coming to Jackson:

**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 Nick Leist for induction into the Missouri Music Educators Association Hall of Fame and to convey to him 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 Nick Leist of Jackson, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

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. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker