

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, Ruth Ann Orr has been named a 2007 Educator of the Year by the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce Education and Chamber University Relations committees; and

Whereas, Ruth Ann Orr is the principal of Alma Schrader Elementary School, a position she has held for five of her twenty-four years in education; and

Whereas, Ruth Ann Orr received her bachelor of science in elementary education from southeast Missouri State University in 1981, and later received from the same school her master of arts in guidance and counseling with school psychological examiner's certification in 1988 and her certification as an elementary principal in 1998, and furthermore, she is currently working on her doctorate degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia in educational leadership and policy analysis; and

Whereas, Ruth Ann Orr began her teaching career in 1983 as a sixth-grade teacher at Alma Schrader Elementary, and in 1988 she became the first full-time counselor at Washington Elementary School; and

Whereas, between 1995 and 1999, Ruth Ann Orr served as a psychological examiner with the Cape Girardeau Public School District, traveling to all six elementary schools, cottonwood Residential Treatment Center, CJHS and CHS, and during this time she also took the role of Education Liaison to Cottonwood Residential Treatment Center; and

Whereas, Ruth Ann Orr then became the Special Services Process Coordinator for Cape Girardeau Public School District, serving until 2002 when she became the principal of Alma Schrader Elementary; and

Whereas, Ruth Ann Orr will be honored during an awards ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 3, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to Ruth Ann Orr on the auspicious occasion of her being named Educator of the Year by the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce Education and Chamber University Relations committees; 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 Ruth Ann Orr.

Offered by _____
 Representative Nathan D. Cooper
 District No. 158

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.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker