

**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 Kennett School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on July 1, 2007, with the retirement of John Douglas Irvin, Jr., who has devoted thirty-three years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

**Whereas**, John Irvin has worked for thirty-two years in the Kennett School District, where he is held in high esteem for his overall competence and successful leadership; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, John Irvin served as an Industrial Arts Teacher, Vocational Counselor, Auto Collision Repair Technology Teacher, and Vocational Director prior to assuming his current responsibilities as Director of Kennett Career Technology Center; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, John Irvin has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

**Whereas**, John Irvin has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

**Whereas**, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of the Kennett School District fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of John Irvin; and

**Whereas**, John Irvin has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Nedra Irvin, and one son, John Douglas "Trey" Irvin, III:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Kennett School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that John Irvin has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he 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 John Douglas Irvin, Jr., as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Thomas Todd  
District No. 163

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. 2226, adopted April 18, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker