

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 Chillicothe R-II School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 24, 2007, with the retirement of Brenda O'Halloran who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Brenda O'Halloran has taught for twenty-eight years at Dewey Elementary, 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, Brenda O'Halloran served as a Title I teacher in the Northeast Nodaway R-V School District for three years prior to assuming her responsibilities at Chillicothe R-II, where she served as a first grade teacher before becoming a Reading Specialist and a Reading Recovery Teacher; and

Whereas, Brenda O'Halloran 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, Brenda O'Halloran has also enjoyed recognition as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, Beta Sigma Phi, and St. Columban's Church; and

Whereas, Brenda O'Halloran has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Richard O'Halloran; two children and their spouses, Ryan and Carrie O'Halloran and Abby and Greg Scheiber; two grandchildren, Kinsey O'Halloran and Heidi Scheiber; and her parents, Clithro and Grace Anderson:

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

Offered by _____
Representative John Quinn
District No. 7

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. 2179, adopted April 17, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker