

House Resolution No. 1918

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners and future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements thus far as students; and

Whereas, Meramec Heights Elementary School students of Arnold, Missouri, have attained considerable distinction as participants in the Fox C-6 School District's Learn and Serve program; and

Whereas, Meramec Heights Elementary School students recently enhanced their already impressive record of achievement when they were chosen for a Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Inspire by Example Youth Group award in light of the service-learning projects that they have undertaken; and

Whereas, Meramec Heights Elementary School students will receive their Inspire by Example Youth Group service-learning award during a special ceremony that will take place at the state capital on April 25, 2007; and

Whereas, with more than fifty percent qualifying for free or reduced lunch status, Meramec Heights Elementary School students predominantly come from low-income families and need assistance to change negative feelings about school expectations, belonging, parent and staff relations, and school leadership; and

Whereas, Meramec Heights Elementary School implemented a special character education program entitled Caring School Communities in which students focus on autonomy, belonging, and competence in the classroom, throughout school, and at home; and

Whereas, Meramec Heights Elementary School third- and fourth-grade, special education, and choir students combined the Caring School Community program with the school music program to learn a musical, Make A Difference, that promoted character education and served as a catalyst for "Kids Helping Kids Week", "Hats On! Day", "Heroes Week", "Emergency Kit Week", and "Food Pantry Donations":

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 Meramec Heights Elementary School students for an Inspire by Example Youth Group service-learning award from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capital on April 25, 2007; 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 in honor of Meramec Heights Elementary School students of Arnold, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Tim Meadows
District No. 101

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. 1918, adopted April 16, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker