

House Resolution No. 2172

Whereas, Portland Elementary School in the Springfield R-XII School District in Springfield, Missouri, has been selected as a 2006-2007 Gold Star School by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Portland Elementary School will be formally recognized as a Gold Star School during a special event hosted by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and State Farm Insurance Companies on May 3, 2007; and

Whereas, one of only a select number of schools chosen to receive the prestigious Gold Star Award, Portland Elementary School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, a Gold Star School is one that has been judged particularly effective in meeting local and state goals and displays award criteria which include offering challenging standards and curriculum, teaching, active learning and learning-centered school contexts, as well as objective "indicators of success" based upon student performance, daily student and teacher attendance rates, and school, staff, and student awards; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Principal Lora Hooper, Portland Elementary School has seen an increase in standardized test scores and enrollment in the last three years; has had the number of parent volunteers increase by sixty percent; and students have shown a dramatic improvement in reading and math scores on the Missouri Assessment Program after students on free and reduced lunch rose from less than fifty-five percent to more than seventy-two percent; and

Whereas, established in 1991, the Gold Star Schools program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is supported by State Farm Insurance Companies:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Principal Lora Hopper and to all the students, faculty, and staff at Portland Elementary School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction and in wishing them only the very best for selection to compete in the federal Blue Ribbon Award program competition; 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 Portland Elementary School in Springfield, Missouri

Offered by _____
Representative Sara Lampe
District No. 138

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. 2172, adopted April 17, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker