

## House Resolution No. 2261

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably have contributed an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, Florida Marie Cowley of Florissant, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as a mathematics teacher at Blewett Middle School in the Saint Louis School District, an educational calling that she drew to a close in December 2006 in well-deserved retirement, since which time she has returned to the classroom as a substitute teacher; and

**Whereas**, on June 1, 2007, Florida Cowley will be the guest of honor at a celebration of her life that will take place at Our Lady of Snows in Belleville, Illinois; and

**Whereas**, in addition to her work at Blewett Middle School, Florida Cowley has utilized her professional expertise in classrooms at Williams Middle School, Clinton Middle School, Sigel Elementary School, Hodgen Elementary School, and Peabody Elementary School for kindergarten through eighth-grade students; and

**Whereas**, Florida Cowley prepared for her diverse educational endeavors by earning a diploma from Northwest High School in Saint Louis, a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, and a Master of Arts degree in elementary education from Washington University in Saint Louis; and

**Whereas**, a member of numerous professional organizations and associations and the holder of numerous awards and recognitions, Florida Cowley also has served as a Den Mother, wedding coordinator, writer and producer of original dramas for school and church, fund-raiser for refugee relief, church youth director and vacation Bible school teacher, president of a church scholarship ministry, and hostess of a weekly church radio broadcast; and

**Whereas**, Florida Cowley is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved mother of Stephen B. Cowley and Marc D. Cowley, a loving daughter of Floyd Sims, and the devoted sister of Linda J. Sims:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered down through the years by Florida Cowley and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 presentation to Florida Marie Cowley of Florissant, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Theodore Hoskins  
District No. 80

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. 2261, adopted April 18, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker