

House Resolution No. 2752

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, Ruth Wyatt, of the Francis Howell R-III School District and resident of St. Charles, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Generalist for Middle Childhood students; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, Ruth Wyatt will enhance an already impressive record of achievements when she is publicly recognized in the state capital by the Missouri NBPTS Network for National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, National Board Certification is a lengthy, rigorous assessment that can take up to three years to complete and which results in a less than forty percent success rate for first-time applicants; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Ruth Wyatt presented evidence of teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices that result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to re-teach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Ruth Wyatt underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri; and

Whereas, Ruth Wyatt is the recipient of the SEAM Award and the Teacher of the Year Award; and

Whereas, Ruth Wyatt is the daughter of J. Robert Bolton and Julia S. Bolton, beloved wife of Thomas E. Wyatt, and loving mother of Blake, Kelsey and Johnny:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Ruth Wyatt down through the years and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon the completion of rigorous National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our best wishes for continued success; 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 Ruth Wyatt.

Offered by _____
 Representative Joe Smith
 District No. 14

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. 2752, adopted April 30, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker