

House Resolution No. 3273

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, Deborah Callahan has attained considerable distinction as a mathematics teacher in the Poplar Bluff R-I School District of Butler County, Missouri; and

Whereas, Deborah Callahan recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievements when she attained National Board Certification in the area of mathematics 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 that results in a less than forty percent success rate for first-time applicants; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Deborah Callahan presented evidence of teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which 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 reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

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

Whereas, Deborah Callahan is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved wife of Randall Callahan, loving mother of Eric Callahan and Staci Callahan, and devoted daughter of Calvin and Bessie Leonard;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by educator Deborah Callahan 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 as a respected employee of the Poplar Bluff R-I School District; 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 Deborah Callahan of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Gayle Kingery
District No. 154

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. 3273, adopted May 8, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker