

Whereas, as the 2006-2007 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Marshfield R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 24, 2007, with the retirement of Rita Bruffett who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Rita Bruffett has taught history for twenty-nine years at Marshfield R-I, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Rita Bruffett is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, a few of which include the Teacher of the Year award, the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award, and the Teacher of the Month award, and the winner of the 2006 Penny Wars; and

Whereas, Rita Bruffett has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Rita Bruffett has also enjoyed recognition as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, the American Association of University Women, the First Baptist Church, Convoy of Hope, and Relay for Life; and

Whereas, Rita Bruffett has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her parents, the late Daniel Harding and Olive Fern Bruffett, one sister, Ramona Sue Kirksey, and one brother, the late Gregory Lynn Bruffett:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Marshfield R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Rita Bruffett has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves with ample opportunity to continue her travels around the world; 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 Rita Bruffett, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

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. 3272, adopted May 8, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker