

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 Butler R-V School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 25, 2007, with the retirement of Giffin Field Simmons, II, who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Giffin Simmons has taught high school social studies for forty-one years at Butler High School, where he 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, Giffin Simmons has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, Giffin Simmons has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Giffin Simmons has also enjoyed recognition by serving as a Senior Class Sponsor and a Student Council Sponsor during most of his impressive tenure at Butler High School; and

Whereas, a licensed Lay Minister with the Disciples of Christ Christian Church, Giffin Simmons has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Pamela Walker Simmons; one daughter, Shannin, and her husband; and two grandchildren, Bailey and Emma:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Butler R-V School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Giffin Simmons has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; 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 Giffin Field Simmons, II, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Barney Fisher
District No. 125

Representative Maynard Wallace
District No. 143

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. 3700, adopted May 15, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker