

House Resolution No. 3998

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who have retired from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Richmond R-XVI School District lost a valuable member of its faculty on May 22, 2007, with the retirement of Martha Balman who devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Martha Balman taught for twenty-nine years at Richmond R-XVI, where she was held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrated considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Martha Balman taught in the Columbia School District and the Hardin-Central C-2 School District prior to assuming her responsibilities at Richmond R-XVI, where she taught third grade and was a substitute sixth grade teacher before becoming a fifth grade teacher; and

Whereas, Martha Balman has enjoyed recognition by being listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers and by being named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, Martha Balman supported her profession as a member of the Missouri National Education Association and the Richmond Community Teachers Association; and

Whereas, Martha Balman has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Everett Balman; and two children, William Lloyd and Amanda Anne:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Richmond R-XVI School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Martha Balman rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she 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 Martha Balman, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

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. 3998, adopted June 7, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker