

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State schools that admirably offer students exemplary opportunities to obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Miriam School in Webster Groves, Missouri, was established by the Miriam Foundation in October 1956 and celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary on May 16, 2007; and

Whereas, first located at the site of the former Sommers Jewish Day Nursery, Miriam School moved into its current state-of-the-art facility in 1993; and

Whereas, Miriam School is the only independent school in the Saint Louis metropolitan area that educates children through the expertise of certified special-education teachers, speech and language pathologists, and occupational therapists; and

Whereas, guided by executive director Andrew Thorp, Miriam School serves pre-kindergartners through eighth graders who have such learning disabilities as attention deficits, speech and language delays, fine and gross motor delays, and autism spectrum disorder; and

Whereas, many of Miriam School's students remain at the facility for two or three years and then move into a more traditional classroom setting after acquiring the tools needed for academic success; and

Whereas, Miriam School is embarked on an expansion program that will open the Miriam Learning Center in the fall to serve children who do not attend other Miriam School programs; and

Whereas, the new Miriam Learning Center will provide diagnostics, therapies, tutoring, enrichment programs, and educational consultation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Miriam School and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of their well-respected educational institution; 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 in honor of Miriam School of Webster Groves, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Kathlyn Fares
 District No. 91

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. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker