

House Resolution No. 177

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, particularly its educators; and

Whereas, Anita Young, who qualified as a National Board Certified Teacher in November of 2007, Missouri, is completing her twelfth year as an educator in Nixa, Missouri, this year; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Anita Young will enhance an already impressive record of achievements when publicly recognized in the state capital by the Missouri NBPTS Network for National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Anita Young received her bachelor of science in education from Missouri State University in 1992 and her master's degree in 1999; and

Whereas, voted "Most Dependable" while attending high school, Anita Young has led several district workshops on Writer's Workshop; has led district workshops on scoring the MAP and ways to improve student achievement on the MAP; led the building Cooperative Learning Team for three years; led the Writing Committee at her building; led the MAP Assessment Team at her building; has spoken on several occasions to the School Board on topics such as the Impact of Collaboration Time and Writer's Workshop; and has served on the district's curriculum writing team; and

Whereas, National Board Certification is a lengthy, rigorous assessment that can take up to three years to complete and which results in a less than forty percent success rate for first-time applicants; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Anita Young presented evidence of teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work, 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 re-teach, and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Anita Young underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Anita Young 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; 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 Anita Young.

Offered by _____
Representative Jay Wasson
District No. 141

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 177, adopted January 22, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker