

House Resolution No. 496

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State educational institutions that admirably provide students with the opportunities to obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, the Columbia Montessori Society of Columbia, Missouri, sponsors a school whose system of teaching and learning is based on theories and practices formulated by Dr. Maria Montessori; and

Whereas, from February 23 to March 1, 2008, the Columbia Montessori Society will celebrate Montessori Education Week and one hundred and one years of superb Montessori education; and

Whereas, in the early 1900s Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education that continues to influence learning throughout the state of Missouri and all around the globe; and

Whereas, in light of her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori implemented a system of education for children from birth through the age of eighteen; and

Whereas, the Montessori program uses materials, techniques, and observations that support the natural development of students; encourages learning, independence, and self-confidence; and advances the principles of peace through responsible citizenship; and

Whereas, the Montessori method includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among children and peace to humankind; and

Whereas, the Columbia Montessori Society and its Montessori School proudly offer hands on learning for children under the astute guidance of Janet R. Lee as Head of School/Director:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Columbia Montessori Society and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes to all of those involved in celebrating both Montessori Education Week from February 23 to March 1, 2008, and the one hundred first anniversary of the Montessori program during the year 2008; 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 presentation to the Columbia Montessori Society of Boone County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jeff Harris
 District No. 23

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. 496, adopted February 12, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker