

House Resolution No. 386

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, the members now pause to recognize Marsha Buechele Fickenscher, of St. Louis, Missouri, who was recently qualified as a National Board Certified Teacher as a Generalist in teaching Middle Childhood students; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Marsha Buechele Fickenscher 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, Marsha Buechele Fickenscher is a educator in the Francis Howell R-III School District and the beloved wife of Edward Fickenscher; 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, Marsha Buechele Fickenscher 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 Marsha Buechele Fickenscher 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 Marsha Buechele Fickenscher 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 Marsha Buechele Fickenscher.

Offered by _____
Representative T. Scott Muschany
District No. 87

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. 386, adopted February 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker