

## House Resolution No. 512

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

**Whereas**, Derek Rowley has attained considerable distinction as an English teacher at Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School; and

**Whereas**, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Derek Rowley will enhance an already impressive record of achievements when he is 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**, 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, Derek Rowley presented evidence of teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices that result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, 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 reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

**Whereas**, part of the evaluative process that Derek Rowley underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in addition to National Board Certification, Derek Rowley is the recipient of a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Music and a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in English education from Washington University in Saint Louis:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Derek Rowley 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 as a respected employee of the Maplewood-Richmond Heights School District; 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 Derek Rowley.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rachel Storch  
District No. 64

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. 512, adopted February 12, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker