

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who have retired from the field of education; and

Whereas, the North Platte R-I School District lost a valuable member of its faculty on July 1, 2006, with the retirement of Barbara Farris who devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Barbara Farris taught for thirty-two years at North Platte R-I, where she was held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrated considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Barbara Farris served North Platte R-I as an elementary counselor, a middle school language arts teacher, and a kindergarten teacher, prior to which she taught high school speech and English in the Braymer C-4 School District; and

Whereas, listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Barbara Farris has also enjoyed recognition by being a recipient of the Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America award and the Excellence in Education Award; by serving as a play director, girls basketball coach, and Pep Club sponsor; and by being a member of the Missouri School Counselors Association, the Community Teachers Association, and the Parent Teacher Association; and

Whereas, Barbara Farris graduated from Missouri Western College in 1970 and earned a Master's degree at Northwest Missouri State University in 1982; and

Whereas, Barbara Farris derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her affiliation with Dearborn Christian Church, where she has served as an Elder, pianist, and Sunday school teacher:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the North Platte R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Barbara Farris rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; 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 Barbara Farris, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason Brown
District No. 30

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. 1341, adopted March 31, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker