

House Resolution No. 1244

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased and proud to welcome to the Show Me State visitors of distinction; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, who will be the featured speaker at the University of Central Missouri's Fourth Biennial Africana Studies Symposium, planned for March 27 through 28 in Kansas City and on the UCM campus in Warrensburg; and

Whereas, Dr. Hrabowski's research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance; and

Whereas, Dr. Hrabowski serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and universities and school systems nationally, and he also sits on several corporate and civic boards including the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Constellation Energy Group, the France-Merrick Foundation, Marguerite Casey Foundation (Chair), McCormick & Company, Inc., and the Urban Institute; and

Whereas, Dr. Hrabowski is the recipient of several awards and honors including election to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the American Philosophical Society; receiving the prestigious McGraw Prize in Education; the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring; and the Columbia University Teachers College Medal for Distinguished Service; and he has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and

Whereas, Dr. Hrabowski holds a number of honorary degrees from prestigious institutions, including Haverford College, Princeton University, Duke University, the University of Illinois, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Gallaudet University, Goucher College, the Medical University of South Carolina, and Binghamton University; and

Whereas, Dr. Hrabowski has co-authored two books, Beating the Odds and Overcoming the Odds, both of which address the issues of parenting high-achieving African Americans in science and are used by universities, school systems, and community groups around the country; and

Whereas, a childhood friend of Cynthia Wesley, Dr. Hrabowski figures prominently in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary "Four Little Girls", which examines the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in which four young black girls lost their lives, Cynthia Wesley among them:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to welcome Dr. Hrabowski and to wish him a pleasant visit to our state; 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 Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III.

Offered by _____
Representative Leonard (Jonas) Hughes, IV
District No. 42

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. 1244, adopted March 26, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker