

Whereas, as the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the School of the Osage R-II School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2008, with the retirement of Diana Lynn Birdsley who has devoted thirty-four years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Diana Birdsley has taught physical education for eighteen years at School of the Osage, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Diana Birdsley has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, Diana Birdsley has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Diana Birdsley has supported her profession as a member of the Osage Teachers Association, the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Missouri Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance, the Auburn Education Association, the Nebraska State Teachers Association, and the Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association; and

Whereas, Diana Birdsley has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, James Richard Birdsley; two children, Kimberly Ann Baucom and Matthew Alan Birdsley; and five grandchildren, Paige, Brielle, Addison, McKenna, and Brooklyn;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the School of the Osage R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Diana Birdsley has 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 Diana Lynn Birdsley, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney Schad
District No. 115

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. 1521, adopted April 3, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker