

House Resolution No. 1955

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Thomas P. Cummings, Ed.D., of Gladstone, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an educator who has served as a classroom teacher, high school coach, principal, and central office administrator; and

Whereas, on April 23, 2008, Dr. Tom Cummings, Superintendent of the North Kansas City School District, will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

Whereas, Dr. Tom Cummings prepared for his lifelong endeavors by earning his undergraduate degree from Franklin College in Indiana and Master of Science and Doctor of Education degrees from Indiana University; and

Whereas, an educator for forty-seven years, Dr. Tom Cummings was appointed Superintendent of North Kansas City schools in 1995 after ten years in the role of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; and

Whereas, in his tenure as Superintendent, Dr. Tom Cummings has re-engaged the "public" in public education through successful community relationship programs, led the way for unique municipal partnerships, enjoyed strong voter support for bond and levy issues, increased the number of educational facilities in the district, doubled pre-kindergarten programs, implemented all-day kindergarten in the district's twenty elementary schools, brought the district into full accreditation and Distinction in Performance status with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and received A+ designation for all three high schools; and

Whereas, Dr. Tom Cummings also has guided North Kansas City schools into a rigorous Distinguished Achievement Program that provides participating students with either a Gold Medallion Diploma or the International Baccalaureate upon graduation; and

Whereas, Dr. Tom Cummings is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved husband of Margaret and the loving father of Isaac Stearns, Sarah Gorman, Mark Cummings, Karen Howard, Benjamin Cummings, and Daniel Cummings:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dr. Tom Cummings as an Outstanding Missourian and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 23, 2008, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; 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 in honor of Outstanding Missourian Thomas P. Cummings, Ed.D., of Gladstone, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Nolte
District No. 33

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. 1955, adopted April 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker