

House Resolution No. 1773

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who contribute an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Ruth Ann Shipps of Spickard, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher at Spickard Elementary School in the Spickard R-II School District; and

Whereas, on May 23, 2008, Ruth Shipps will draw her duties and responsibilities at Spickard Elementary School to a close in well-deserved retirement after thirty years of service; and

Whereas, an educator for thirty-five years, Ruth Shipps previously taught music, physical education, health, and fifth- and sixth-grade classes and served as the school's principal and the district's superintendent; and

Whereas, Ruth Shipps also taught third grade and elementary physical education for the Albany R-III School District; and

Whereas, the sister of Rasa Hobbs and Mary Gibson, Ruth Shipps served in the United States Army for three years and in the United States Army Reserves for nineteen years, during which time she participated in Desert Shield/Desert Storm and was stationed in Bosnia and Kosovo; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of such outstanding Missouri educators as Ruth Shipps:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered by Ruth Shipps during her thirty-five years in education and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; 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 Ruth Ann Shipps of Spickard, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Whorton
District No. 3

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. 1773, adopted April 14, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker