

House Resolution No. 2052

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 Gasconade County R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 15, 2008, with the retirement of DeAnn Marie Els who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, DeAnn Marie Els has taught for twenty-eight years at Gasconade County R-I, 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, DeAnn Marie Els served as a rehabilitation teacher for the blind at Work Experience Center of St. Louis for two years prior to assuming her responsibilities with Gasconade R-I, where she has served as a high school guidance counselor, high school special education teacher, cross country coach, SADD sponsor, cheerleading sponsor, and GCTA President; and

Whereas, DeAnn Marie Els 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, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of Gasconade County R-I fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of DeAnn Marie Els; and

Whereas, DeAnn Marie Els has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Walter Els; and three daughters, Susan Sappington, Emilie Els, and Andrea Els:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Gasconade County R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that DeAnn Marie Els 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 DeAnn Marie Els, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Loehner
District No. 112

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. 2052, adopted April 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker