

House Resolution No. 2187

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

Whereas, Dr. James Allen Sandfort of Ballwin, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Superintendent of Schools for the Lindbergh School District, a leadership calling that he will draw to a close in well-deserved retirement in 2008 after seventeen years of service; and

Whereas, an educator since 1966, Superintendent James Sandfort previously served as a teacher in the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the Assistant Director of Student Teaching and a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Missouri-Columbia, the Associate Principal for Instruction at Shawnee Mission South High School, the Principal at Shawnee Mission East High School, and the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Parkway School District; and

Whereas, Superintendent James Sandfort prepared for his diverse endeavors in the field of education by earning a Bachelor of Science honors degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Harvard University, and a Doctor of Education degree in secondary school administration and curriculum instruction from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Superintendent, Dr. James Sandfort has overseen community partnerships, facility improvements, the development of the Lindbergh Activities Program, the naming of Lindbergh School District as one of the "Best High Schools in America" by Newsweek magazine, the reinvigorating and upgrading of academic programs, the opening of the Lindbergh District art gallery, the implementation of the PEGS regional program for the exceptionally gifted, the designation of Lindbergh High School as an A+ School, the establishment of a highest-rated bond financial plan, the completing of three successful MSIP accreditation reviews, the listing of three state of Missouri Gold Star schools and two federal Blue Ribbon schools, and the naming of one National School of Character, one Missouri School of Character, and of the entire district as an overall Missouri District of Character, among numerous other achievements:

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 Superintendent of Schools James Sandfort of the Lindbergh School District and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he 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 Dr. James Allen Sandfort of Ballwin, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jim Avery
 District No. 95

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. 2187, adopted April 23, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker