

House Resolution No. 2880

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 Chillicothe R-II School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 16, 2008, with the retirement of Tom Gatson who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Tom Gatson has taught for six years at Chillicothe R-II, where he 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, Tom Gatson has served as a high school Social Studies Teacher, a Coach, and an American History Grant participant; and

Whereas, Tom Gatson has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Tom Gatson has also enjoyed recognition as Commander of American Legion Post 182, Commissioner of American Legion Baseball, and President of the Lions Club and the National Education Association; and

Whereas, Tom Gatson has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Christy Stockman and Ben Gatson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Chillicothe R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Tom Gatson has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he 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 Tom Gatson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative John Quinn
District No. 7

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. 2880, adopted May 8, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker