

House Resolution No. 2414

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements thus far as students; and

Whereas, the Gifted English class at Yeokum Middle School has attained considerable distinction as a participant in the Belton School District's Learn and Serve program; and

Whereas, the Gifted English class recently enhanced its already impressive record of achievement when it was chosen for a Missouri Service Learning Advisory Council Inspire by Example youth group award in light of the many hours its members have dedicated to service-learning projects; and

Whereas, the Gifted English class will receive its Inspire by Example service-learning award during a special ceremony that will take place at the state capital on April 30, 2008; and

Whereas, the Gifted English class taught by Mary Cummings is composed of students Jacob Becker, Matt Black, Forrest Byrd, Geoff Grigg, Chris Gulick, Zack Johnson, Stephanie Morse, Zoya Prochazka, Brandon Roberts, Kelsey Schifferdecker, Kim Studdard, and Shane Williamson; and

Whereas, the students in the Gifted English class group studied A Christmas Carol during the winter, which led to discussions about poverty, ignorance, helping others, and the differences/similarities between Victorian England and contemporary Belton; and

Whereas, the Yeokum Gifted English students embarked on a series of service projects that included making Christmas cards to send to troops through the Soldier's Angels program, constructing alphabet dominos for children at Grace Early Childhood Center, making Christmas cards for the residents of a local nursing home, adopting a family for the holidays, and baking cookies for a school open house; and

Whereas, the students involved in the Gifted English class group truly illustrate the Service Learning cycle of preparation/action/reflection/celebration:

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 the Gifted English class for an Inspire by Example service-learning award from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capital on April 30, 2008; 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 the Yeokum Middle School Gifted English class of Belton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

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. 2414, adopted April 29, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker