

House Resolution No. 2604

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, particularly devoted to the field of education; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Ballard High School, which has been selected by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a Gold Star School and will be publicly celebrated at a reception on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, one of fifteen Gold Star Schools selected for the 2007-2008 school year, Ballard High School has developed and maintained an exceptional record of exemplary performance and achievement; and

Whereas, established in 1991 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Gold Star Schools program utilizes the same criteria as the No Child Left Behind–Blue Ribbon program; and

Whereas, Gold Star Schools are selected on the basis of their “high level” achievement or “significant improvement” results on the MAP communication arts and mathematics exams for each of the past three years, for their meeting federal Adequate Yearly Progress requirements, and for their using research-based strategies and practices to improve student achievement:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to Ballard High School and its principal John Siebeneck on the occasion of its being selected as a Gold Star School by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and to convey our best wishes for continued success; 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 Ballard High School.

Offered by _____
Representative Shannon Cooper
District No. 120

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. 2604, adopted May 6, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker