

## House Resolution No. 2866

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational institutions that admirably ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, Oak Hill Elementary School in the Saint Louis School District is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary at the Morgan Ford location between Bingham and Osceola; and

**Whereas**, the history of Oak Hill Elementary School can be traced to 1822 when James and Lucy Bent Russell established a school by that name in the kitchen of their home; and

**Whereas**, Oak Hill Elementary School subsequently was built in 1850 by Charles Silas Russell on mine property where Morgan Ford crosses the railroad tracks, then in 1879 on the north side of Tholozan, and in 1900 as a four-room annex located on Juniata; and

**Whereas**, after the Oak Hill Elementary School name was changed to Horace Mann School in 1902, the current brick building on Morgan Ford was constructed in 1908 and once again named Oak Hill Elementary School; and

**Whereas**, at the time of its construction, Oak Hill Elementary School was led by Principal Geo L. Hawkins; featured separate play areas by gender, separate gymnasiums by gender, a third floor auditorium, a coal fired boiler, and slate chalkboards; and was attended by students who provided their own transportation to and from the school; and

**Whereas**, the current Oak Hill Elementary School is led by Principal Wanda LeFlore; features unisex play areas and gymnasium, gas and electric utilities, and classroom computers and smart boards; and is attended by students who arrive by bus, car, or cab; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its constitutionally-mandated legislative duties in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding, historically significant schools as Oak Hill Elementary School:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Oak Hill Elementary School and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate one hundred years of teaching and learning; 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 Oak Hill Elementary School of the Saint Louis School District.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mike Daus  
District No. 67

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. 2866, adopted May 8, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker