

House Resolution No. 3543

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause to recognize Dr. Annie Jean Jones-Chambers, of St. Louis, Missouri, who will soon step down from her position as Principal of Blewett Middle School in the Saint Louis Public School District after thirty-nine years of loyal and dedicated service; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones-Chambers was born on March 7, 1948, in Haywood County, Tennessee, to Johnie and Juanita Jones, and she is the proud wife of Jull Chambers and the proud mother of Moneta and Christopher Chambers; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones-Chambers earned her Bachelor of Science in 1969 from Lane College, her Master of Science in 1983 from Webster University, her Master of Education Administration in 1987 from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and her Doctor of Education Administration in 2006 from Saint Louis University; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones-Chambers served as a teacher at Jefferson Elementary School and Franklin Elementary School; as a teacher, team leader, instructional coordinator, and Assistant Principal at Williams Middle School; and as an Assistant Principal at Yeatman Middle School prior to assuming the responsibilities of Principal at Blewett Middle School in 1999; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones-Chambers has served on various committees throughout this nation and has obtained a number of awards and recognitions, including Chair of the Mark Luther King Walk/Delta Sigma Theta, member of the NAACP, member of the Black Women Wellness Project, member of the National Council of Negro Women, Chair of the Susan Komen Walk for Delta Sigma Theta, member of the University of Missouri-St. Louis Alumni Association, President of the Lane College-St. Louis Chapter, member of the Murchison Tabernacle Church, Lifetime Member of the Lane College Alumni Association, and Lifetime Member of Delta Sigma Theta; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones-Chambers has contributed thirty-nine years to educating St. Louis City children, and to many she's become the Mr. Joe Clark of "Lean On Me" fame at Blewett Middle School, and she has impacted countless people who have come to revere her, including Pastor Ernest Anthony Byrd, her former student and St. Louis City's youngest founder and senior pastor of a church; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones-Chambers can look back over her enormously successful career satisfied with the knowledge that she served faithfully and with great distinction and has earned the affection and respect of her students, colleagues, and members of the community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations and gratitude to Dr. Jones-Chambers on the occasion of her retirement, with our best wishes for every happiness and success in all her future endeavors; 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 Dr. Annie Jean Jones-Chambers.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

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. 3543, adopted July 2, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker