

House Resolution No. 3605

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 its educational institutions; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Bowles Elementary School, which has been selected as a 2008 Missouri School of Character by the CHARACTERplus organization of the Cooperating School Districts of St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Bowles Elementary School will receive its 2008 Missouri School of Character award during the 14th Annual Character Education Conference, which will be held between July 16 and July 18, 2008, in downtown St. Louis; and

Whereas, Bowles Elementary School, in the Rockwood School District, has a long history of character education, starting with a staff who shared a common language as they inspired students to become their best, and it has unified the leadership of five principals and created a place where lessons weave an understanding of safety, kindness, respect, and cooperation into core academics; and

Whereas, in class meetings, students discuss bully zones and how to make the school a better place, and fifth-graders can explain the learning targets of their buddy lessons with first-graders; and

Whereas, students receive “Pawsitive Office Referrals”, creating a trusting relationship with the principal and “good news” calls to parents; and

Whereas, before school starts, the principal visits the homes of students identified as at-risk and staff combine efforts to connect with these parents throughout the year; and

Whereas, the staff have studied The Fred Factor, creating a deeper awareness of people who go above and beyond, and instituted “Fred sightings” among colleagues; and

Whereas, communications are continuous with the principal’s Friday emails to all parents, home visits to those who could not attend parent-teacher conferences, Friday folders, phone calls from teachers, and parent meetings:

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 to Principal Dave Cobb, the students, administration, faculty, and staff of Bowles Elementary School on the illustrious occasion of being named a 2008 Missouri School of Character by the CHARACTERplus organization ; 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 Bowles Elementary School.

Offered by _____
 Representative Dwight Scharnhorst
 District No. 93

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. 3605, adopted July 11, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker