

House Resolution No. 4496

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself through many years of excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas, Velma Smith, an esteemed resident of Lexington, Missouri, will officially retire from the Lexington R-V School District on October 6, 2008, after a long and illustrious career that has spanned an incredible thirty-six years; and

Whereas, Velma Smith has played an integral role in the nutritional development of numerous Missouri youngsters as an invaluable member of the food service team, during which time she served as a baker, cook, server, assistant manager, and cashier; and

Whereas, during her impressive tenure, Velma Smith could account for every penny and could do the paper work faster with a pencil and paper than most could do with a calculator; and

Whereas, Velma Smith is an inspiration to her colleagues, all of whom appreciate her strong work ethic and willingness to get right back to work after breaking her arm, getting injured in a bus accident, and breaking her hip; and

Whereas, now eighty-seven years young, Velma looks forward to her retirement but plans to remain on the substitute list at school to fill in for others, in addition to cooking, making jelly, doing book work for her son, spending time with her family and friends, and attending the Methodist Church; and

Whereas, Velma Smith has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, the late Billy Smith; son Chuck and his wife, Penny, and their son, Chaz, and his fiancé, Toni Lipari; and son Mark and his companion, Lisa Cretzmeyer, and their daughter, Lexi Kay:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Velma Smith for her thirty-six years of unparalleled service to the Lexington R-V School District; 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 Velma Smith.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Aull
District No. 26

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. 4496, adopted October 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker