

House Resolution No. 4472

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State educational organizations that are dedicated to ensuring that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, the Missouri School Counselor Association was founded to help persons interested in guidance make the most effective use of their skills and talents in service to students, parents, school personnel, and community members and serves as the official representative of school counselors in keeping with a mission to "promote quality in professional school counseling"; and

Whereas, the Missouri School Counselor Association can trace its roots to the early 1930s when the State Superintendent of Schools developed a handbook on Guidance in the Elementary Schools, and by 1940 the state had appointed a State Director of Guidance Services; and

Whereas, in the spring of 1948, ten people qualified for counseling certificates under new guidelines established by a team of educators and approved by the State Department of Education; and

Whereas, while known as the Department of Guidance and Counseling of the Missouri State Teachers Association in the early 1950s, the Missouri School Counselor Association drafted a constitution and initiated the first counselor conferences at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Whereas, renamed as the Missouri Guidance Association in 1954, the Missouri School Counselor Association adopted The Counseling Interviewer as its official publication in 1968, added affiliation with the American School Counselor Association in 1971, and took its current name during the 1984-1985 school year; and

Whereas, today's Missouri School Counselor Association members participate in a performance-based counselor evaluation program and are held in high esteem throughout the nation for the comprehensive model guidance program that was developed in this state:

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 the Missouri School Counselor Association and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the establishment of their professional 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 the Missouri School Counselor Association of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Thomson
District No. 4

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. 4472, adopted October 27, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker