

House Resolution No. 4584

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who contributed an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Peggy Payne attained considerable distinction as a librarian with the Neosho R-V School District, an educational calling that she drew to a close in well-deserved retirement after forty-six years of service; and

Whereas, Peggy Payne recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was one of four educators to be honored with 2007 Pioneer in Education awards from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Pioneer in Education awards began in 1974 to recognize teachers, administrators, legislators, and residents for distinguished service and leadership to public schools; and

Whereas, Peggy Payne worked for the Neosho R-V School District from 1951 to 1997, during which time she maintained the library, kept it stocked with modern materials, and decorated bulletin boards and windows with displays that were admired by all who saw them; and

Whereas, Peggy Payne also developed an excellent reputation for researching new technologies and keeping the library up-to-date through automation and computerization; and

Whereas, at the time of her retirement, Peggy Payne was tied for the record of having the longest tenure of anyone in the Neosho R-V School District, a record that she preferred to share rather than have for herself alone:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Peggy Payne and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon her receipt of Pioneer in Education recognition from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; 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 presentation to Peggy Payne.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson
District No. 130

Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4584, adopted August 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker