

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6028

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Andy Tompkins for his many years of service to the people of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Andy Tompkins became President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents on June 1, 2010. The Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (seven public universities, 19 community colleges and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the KAN-ED network, a statewide network that provides broadband internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals and libraries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tompkins previously served as the Dean of the College of Education, and as Associate Professor in the Department of Special Services and Leadership Studies at Pittsburg State University (PSU). From 2005 to 2007, he served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tompkins served as the Kansas State Department of Education's Commissioner of Education from 1996 through 2005. Throughout his career he has held various positions in K-12 and higher education serving as a high school teacher, principal, superintendent, university associate professor, department chair and college dean; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tompkins earned his undergraduate degree in English at East Central State University in Ada, Oklahoma. He earned his master's degree from Emporia State University and his doctorate from the University of Kansas in Educational Administration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tompkins has earned numerous honors, including distinguished alumni and service awards from Emporia State University and the University of Kansas. He was inducted into the Kansas Teacher's Hall of Fame in 2001, was recognized as a Master Teacher in 1999 and was awarded the leadership Kansas Alumnus of the Year Award in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tompkins and his wife, Glenda, live in Topeka. They have two children, Kyle and Amanda: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate, commend and thank Andy Tompkins for his long and successful career serving the people of Kansas. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.