

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1828

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mr. Larry Thompson, Jr.

WHEREAS, Larry Thompson, Jr. was named 2011 MetLife principal of the year by the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson earned his associate's degree from Garden City Community College, his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and his master's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has served as an educator for 23 years: Four years as a social studies teacher in schools in the states of Georgia and Nebraska, four years as a special education teacher at Newton High School, six years as principal for Eby Learning Center on the campus of United Methodist Youthville in Newton, Kansas, and nine years as principal at Hesston High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has been a leader in education for his students, staff and community. As principal of Hesston High School, Mr. Thompson instituted an effective school discipline program, emphasizing prevention while building strong relationships with students. The effective school discipline program is used in hundreds of Kansas schools and across the nation. In Hesston High School, the effective school discipline program not only taught staff how to interact tactfully and professionally with students, but also strengthened the staff's ability to interact with one another. Mr. Thompson utilized the building leadership team to promote collaboration to support academic and behavioral initiatives. By using collaborative processes, Mr. Thompson and the building leadership team developed a tiered intervention system to support the learning needs of students who were struggling with reading skills. Mr. Thompson spearheaded the one-to-one laptop program for high school students. As the lead person in this effort, Mr. Thompson worked together with a team of eight to set an improved vision for integrating technology and learning; and

WHEREAS, The MetLife/NASSP National Principal of the Year program began in 1993 as a means to recognize outstanding middle level and high school principals. The program annually honors secondary school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, Each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity select one middle level and one high school principal to represent their state for this honor: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Mr. Larry Thompson, Jr. upon his selection as 2011 MetLife principal of the year by the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator McGinn.**

Senate Resolution No. 1828 was sponsored by Senator Carolyn McGinn.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.