

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1868

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Ron Wimmer.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ron Wimmer, Superintendent of Schools for the Olathe District Schools, is retiring June 30 after giving 40 years of outstanding service to the Olathe school system. He has spent his entire professional career with the Olathe schools during which time the district grew from 3,687 students in 1965 to 23,634 students in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wimmer commenced his teaching career as a Spanish teacher, and one of his students was Karin Brownlee, the primary sponsor of this resolution. He advanced in the school system serving as a junior high school assistant principal, junior high principal, director of personnel, assistant superintendent and as superintendent of schools from 1991 through 2005. Throughout his career he has been recognized for his commitment to excellence in all that he does; and

WHEREAS, A leader in his profession, Dr. Wimmer has served on the Board of Directors of the Kansas School Administrator's Association and the Kansas State High School Activities Association, and was named the Kansas Superintendent of the Year for 1997. Among the many professional recognitions he has received are the 2005 Friend of Education Award by the Kansas National Education Association, 2004 Outstanding Service Award by the United School Administrators of Kansas, 2001 Star Leadership Award by the Alliance of Community Educators, 1994 Outstanding Educator by the Greater Kansas City Phi Delta Kappa and a Meritorious Achievement Award by Pittsburg State University; and

WHEREAS, During the past 40 years at Olathe Dr. Wimmer has been active in civic affairs of his community. He has served on the Council of Advisors for the United Community Services of Johnson County, Board of Directors and past Board Chair of the Olathe Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Arts Council of Kansas City, Johnson County Business Leadership Forum, Olathe Economic Development Council and the Santa Fe Trail Rotary Club. He has been named the Olathe Citizen of the Year, the Rotarian of the Year and Communicator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The Olathe school system and the entire Olathe community are indeed fortunate to have had this dedicated and talented person start his teaching career in Olathe, to advance in his profession while remaining in Olathe and to give 40 years of outstanding service to this community: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the body congratulates and commends Dr. Ron Wimmer for giving 40 years of outstanding service to the Olathe District Schools, the Olathe community and the State of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. Ron Wimmer, Olathe District Schools, 14160 Blackbob Road, Olathe, KS 66063.

Senate Resolution No. 1868 was sponsored by Senators Brownlee, O'Connor and Wilson.

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

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*