

Special Session of 2005

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6005

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. John A. (Andy) Tompkins.

WHEREAS, Dr. John A. (Andy) Tompkins, the Kansas Commissioner of Education, is retiring after completing nearly 10 years in this position; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as the Kansas Commissioner of Education he has been a dynamic spokesperson for the improvement of education for Kansas children. Salient program implementations under his direction have been the redesign of the school accreditation and teacher licensure systems and the implementation of the federal no child left behind act; and

WHEREAS, After receiving a bachelor's degree in English from East Central State University in Ada, Oklahoma, he commenced his teaching career as a high school English teacher in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. One year in Oklahoma schools was enough, however. The next year he taught English at Hugoton and then progressed to positions at Kansas schools as the high school principal at Pomona, superintendent of schools at Satanta, El Dorado and Salina and as the interim dean for the school of education at Pittsburg State University before becoming the Commissioner of Education. Along the way he acquired his master's degree from Emporia State University and his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tompkins' many professional contributions include service on the board of directors and as president of the Kansas Association of School Administrators, chairperson of the Governor's Education Advisory Task Force, chairperson of the resolutions committee of the American Association of School Administrators, member of the board of directors of the Council of Chief State School Officers and treasurer and Kansas commissioner of the Education Commission of the States; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tompkins has not completed his contribution to Kansas education. Subsequent to his retirement from his current position he plans to teach at the School of Education of the University of Kansas with an emphasis in school district leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tompkins and his wife, Glenda, are the parents of two children, Amanda and Kyle: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Dr. John A. (Andy) Tompkins upon his retirement as the Kansas Commissioner of Education. We thank him for the leadership he has given the teachers of our children and for his direct involvement for over 20 years as a teacher and administrator; and we wish him success at the University of Kansas as he continues in his chosen field of education.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*