

Special Session of 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1807

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Raymond L. Daniels.

WHEREAS, Dr. Raymond L. Daniels, Superintendent of Schools for the Kansas City School District, is retiring after spending his entire teaching career of 40 years in the Kansas City district. He has been honored by being named the 2005 Kansas Superintendent of the Year and is a candidate for the National Superintendent of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels started his teaching career as an English teacher at Northwest Junior High School where he also served as the head boys basketball coach. He then joined the faculty at Wyandotte High School where he was the head track coach and later the Assistant Principal. He was named Director of Personnel Services for the district in 1976 and Assistant Superintendent in 1980. He became the District Superintendent in 1998; and

WHEREAS, As superintendent he implemented a landmark initiative, First Things First, with meaningful workshops for classroom teachers. This program strengthens the relationship between teacher and students by allowing teachers to move with students from grade to grade plus a two-hour period each week for professional learning. With a \$15 million grant from the Kauffman Foundation to implement this program, the district has achieved higher graduation rates at each of the district's five high schools and improved achievement test scores in mathematics and reading; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels' community service includes memberships on the board of directors for the KCK Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Wyandotte County, Heart of America Family Services, Cancer Action, the Wyandotte Health Foundation, Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries and the Downtown KCK Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels and his wife, Joan, a retired foreign language teacher, have two children and two grandchildren. He plans to spend more time with his family, do some fly fishing and volunteering; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Senate congratulates and commends Dr. Raymond L. Daniels for giving 40 years of devoted service to the Kansas City School District and the improvement he has made in the lives of many young students of the district; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. Raymond L. Daniels, Superintendent of Schools, Kansas City USD 500, 625 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101-2805.

Senate Resolution No. 1807 was sponsored by Senators Steineger, Gilstrap and Haley.

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.