

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1823

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. John R. Morton.

WHEREAS, Dr. John R. Morton, Superintendent of Newton Public Schools, has been selected by the Kansas Association of School Administrators as the 2006 Kansas Superintendent of the Year; he has been selected also by eSchool News as a 2006 Tech Savvy Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, After graduating as the valedictorian of his class at Wichita High School South, Dr. Morton received his Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Wichita State University, his Master of Education from Wichita State University, being recognized as the Senior Honor Man, and his Doctorate of Education from the University of Houston, being recognized with the Oberholtzer Prize; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morton commenced his teaching career in Wichita as a classroom teacher; he progressed to Assistant Principal at W.S. Hadley Junior High School and Associate Principal at Wichita High School North and Wichita High School East. Subsequently he was the Principal at the B.W. Truesdell Junior High School, Principal at Wichita High School West, and the Special Assistant and Assistant Superintendent for Wichita public schools. He was the Superintendent of the Winfield Public Schools USD 465 from 1997 to 2000, and he has been the Superintendent of the Newton Public Schools USD 373 since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Dr. Morton has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston, Wichita State University, Southwestern College and Friends University teaching various courses in the education process. Since being at Newton he has been a division chairman for the United Way of Harvey County and a Greater Newton Foundation board member. He also has been a regular contributor to The Newton Kansan newspaper editorial page. He continues to be much in demand as a trainer and workshop leader for teacher continuing education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morton is married to Patricia K. Morton; they are the parents of two children and one grandchild: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Dr. John R. Morton upon his selection as the 2006 Kansas Superintendent of the Year; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. John R. Morton, Superintendent, Newton Public Schools USD 373, 308 East First, Newton, KS 67114-3846.

Senate Resolution No. 1823 was sponsored by Senator Carolyn McGinn.

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.*