

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1877

A RESOLUTION commending Dale Cushinberry for his dedicated and distinguished career in public education and his active involvement in the Topeka community and congratulating him on his retirement as principal of Highland Park High School.

WHEREAS, Dale Cushinberry grew up in Topeka, attended the Topeka public schools and graduated from Highland Park High School in 1965. He received a Bachelor's degree in elementary and secondary education from the Kansas State Teachers College in 1970. He also received a Master's degree in school counseling and psychotherapy; and

WHEREAS, Dale began his distinguished career in public education in 1970 as a teacher at Parkdale Elementary School in Topeka. He was a school counselor from 1973 to 1979 and acting principal at Highland Park Junior High in 1979 and 1980. He then became an assistant principal at Highland Park High School from 1980 to 1982, a position he left to become an assistant professor and administrator at Washburn University. From 1989 to 1994, he served as principal at Whitson Elementary School. In 1994, he became principal of Highland Park High School, a position he has held until the current school year; and

WHEREAS, Dale has received numerous awards for his service to public education, including the 1997 Distinguished Kansan in the field of education from the Topeka Capital-Journal. In 1998, he received the Educator Excellence Award by the Brown Foundation. In 2004, he was the recipient of the Whitney Young National Award for Outstanding Service to Youth. He received the Topeka Public School Distinguished Staff Administrative Award in 2007 and in 2010 he was presented with the Onan C. Burnett Award from the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Dale has been actively involved in the Topeka community, serving on numerous boards as director, including the Topeka Youth Project, Kansas Childrens' Service League, the Capper Foundation, Menninger Lecture Series, Battered Women's Task Force, Living the Dream and USD 501 Partners in Education; and

WHEREAS, Dale has also served on the Emporia State University Board of Trustees, Washburn University President's Advisory Board, Kansas Supreme Court Nomination Commission and Kansas At-Risk Council; and

WHEREAS, As principal of Highland Park High School, Dale Cushinberry has been an outstanding role model and leader for the school's administrators, teachers and staff, as well as the students. He coined the phrase "It's Great to be a Scot," which is a source of great pride and is prominently displayed on signs and banners throughout the school. He also coined the phrase "You Can Get There From Here," which reminds students of the real life examples of the careers and accomplishments of people throughout the United States who are graduates of Highland Park High School; and

WHEREAS, The entire Highland Park community has a deep respect, love and affection for the man known to them simply as "Cush": Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we express our appreciation to Dale Cushinberry for his dedicated and distinguished career in public education and we congratulate him on his retirement as principal of his beloved Highland Park High School; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Highland Park High School, c/o Dale Cushinberry, 2424 SE California Ave., Topeka, KS 66605.

Senate Resolution No. 1877 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.*