

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 61

Introduced by Wightman, 36.

WHEREAS, Principal Barry McFarland of Morton Elementary School in Lexington, Nebraska, was named the National Distinguished Principal from Nebraska for 2011; and

WHEREAS, Principal McFarland has stated that while transforming Morton Elementary School into more of a community center that hosts indoor soccer leagues, basketball games, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts is one of his favorite accomplishments, the biggest accomplishments have been in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, during Principal McFarland's seven years at Morton Elementary School, the writing proficiency scores have increased from forty-eight percent to ninety percent; and

WHEREAS, Principal McFarland has also expanded the HOSTS (Helping One Student To Succeed) program, which brings community people into the schools to work one-on-one with students and help the students with their reading and writing skills, which has fostered this increase in test scores; and

WHEREAS, Principal McFarland has remained humble and prefers to give credit for this prestigious award to his staff and the great things they do at Morton Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, with Principal McFarland's distinction comes the opportunity for him to represent Nebraska principals in Washington, D.C., this coming fall, something he is looking forward to doing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Legislature congratulates Principal Barry McFarland for being named the National Distinguished Principal from Nebraska for 2011.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Principal McFarland for his accomplishments at Morton Elementary School.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Principal McFarland.