

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 262**

Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

WHEREAS, Pender Elementary School was recognized as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, Pender Elementary School has fostered an environment of commitment and achievement for its students and staff, including a multi-tiered system that supports students who need assistance; and

WHEREAS, Pender Elementary School's success is due in part to the Pendragon PRIDE initiative, which stands for preparation, respect, integrity, determination, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, a strong core curriculum allows top-notch classroom teachers to provide high quality classroom instruction to all children; and

WHEREAS, recognition as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School is a testament to the dedication of the students, commitment of the faculty and staff, leadership of Principal Kelly Ballinger and Superintendent Jason Dolliver, and support from the Pender Board of Education, Educational Service Unit 1, and the Nebraska Department of Education.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the students, faculty, and staff of Pender Elementary School on their admirable achievements and applauds their dedication to a high standard of education.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Pender Elementary School, Principal Kelly Ballinger, and Superintendent Jason Dolliver.