

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 439**

Introduced by Hilkemann, 4; Day, 49; Lathrop, 12; McCollister, 20; Pahls, 31; Walz, 15.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Sutfin began his teaching career in Bellevue in 1989 and served with Millard Public Schools from 1995 until his retirement as superintendent in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sutfin served in a variety of roles during his time at Millard, including principal, assistant principal, science department head, science teacher, and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sutfin stepped into the role of superintendent in the fall of 2014 and embraced technology from the onset, connecting with students and families through social media and transitioning Millard to a one-to-one district; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sutfin was named a Superintendent to Watch in 2016 by the National School Public Relations Association and in 2020 he was selected as Superintendent of the Year by the Nebraska Association of School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sutfin, in transitioning to a one-to-one district, enabled Millard to continue school remotely during the pandemic closures throughout the spring of 2020 and by fall of 2020 the district was able to offer both in-person and remote learning, operating continuously throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sutfin facilitated additional initiatives that include the #BeKind community movement and the #TeachUp campaign; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sutfin was instrumental in the creation of Early College at Millard South and Bridge to Early College at Central Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sutfin helped bring the first Boys and Girls Club to Millard and the first ROTC program to Millard with the Junior Air Force ROTC program at

Millard South; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sutfin partnered with Avenue Scholars in 2019 to create Intern Omaha, an internship program connecting rising seniors across the city with businesses throughout Omaha.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dr. Jim Sutfin on his retirement and thanks him for his service to the state.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Jim Sutfin.