

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 248

Introduced by Hilkemann, 4; Kolowski, 31; Linehan, 39.

WHEREAS, Steve Baker, Superintendent of Elkhorn Public Schools, will retire after a lifelong career in education and educational administration; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Baker joined the Elkhorn Public School District as the band director in 1975. He also served as the sponsor for the dance team and National Honor Society until 1987; and

WHEREAS, for two years, Superintendent Baker served as the high school assistant principal in addition to his responsibilities as the band director before becoming a full-time assistant principal from 1987-91. He moved to the district office as the assistant superintendent, a role he served in for eighteen years until assuming the duties of the superintendent in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Baker led Elkhorn Public Schools through a period of intense growth, with the number of students increasing by nearly 75 percent, while maintaining the district's traditional academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Steve Baker has been honored throughout his career, receiving the Outstanding Young Educator Award in 1977, the American School Band Directors Association Award in 1980, the Nebraska School Activities Association Service Award in 2003, the Elkhorn High School National Honor Society Service to Youth Award in 2007, the Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Distinguished Service Award and the Nebraska Recreation and Parks Association Voluntary Service Award in 2009, the American Association of School Administrators Nebraska School Superintendent of the Year Award in 2013, and the Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award this year; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Baker will be leaving a "labor of love" on June 30, 2017.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Superintendent Steve Baker for his many honors and accomplishments, thanks him for 42 years of service as an educator with Elkhorn Public Schools, and extends him its best wishes on his retirement.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Superintendent Baker.