

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 259

Introduced by Brewer, 43.

WHEREAS, Chadron Public Schools has many accomplishments to celebrate as the school year comes to a close; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caroline Winchester was named the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Superintendent of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Chadron High School teacher Willie Uhing was named the 2017 recipient of the Freda Battey Distinguished Educator Award for Excellence in Teaching; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of principal Jerry Mack, Chadron High School achieved the highest state test scores in the school's history, including the 3rd highest reading scores and the 5th highest writing scores among all Nebraska high schools; and

WHEREAS, the school's ACT scores were the highest in four years; and

WHEREAS, senior Walt Mays scored a perfect 36 on the ACT and was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist; and

WHEREAS, Brenna Hawthorne won the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts art poster contest; and

WHEREAS, 26 students qualified for the State FFA Convention, one team was a national qualifier, and multiple students finished with high rankings; and

WHEREAS, at the Chadron State College Scholastic Day contest, five students won first places, multiple students finished in the top ten, and the team ranked second overall; and

WHEREAS, nine students were Future Business Leaders of America national qualifiers and other students finished the state competition with high rankings; and

WHEREAS, four students qualified for the National History Day contest; and

WHEREAS, 33 of 58 seniors were awarded a Presidential Award of Educational Excellence, the most ever for Chadron High School; and

WHEREAS, the senior class received over \$100,000 in scholarships, more than any previous class; and

WHEREAS, US News & World Report ranked Chadron High School as the fifth-best high school in Nebraska and awarded Chadron High School two silver and one bronze rankings in the last four years; and

WHEREAS, Chadron High School was ranked as one of the Best High Schools in Nebraska by k12.niche.com.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Chadron Public Schools for these accomplishments.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Dr. Caroline Winchester, Jerry Mack, Willie Uhing, Walt Mays, and Brenna Hawthorne.