

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 18**

Introduced by Kolterman, 24; Pansing Brooks, 28; Linehan, 39.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Association of Elementary School Principals (NeAESP) has named Principal Kris Friesen of York Elementary School as the National Distinguished Principal from Nebraska for 2019; and

WHEREAS, established in 1984, the National Distinguished Principal program recognizes principals for setting high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and educational climate in their schools while making outstanding contributions to the larger community and to the education profession; and

WHEREAS, known for her enthusiasm and creativity, Principal Friesen emphasizes the importance of positive relationships with students, staff, and families with initiatives like the Duke Pride Awards, All Stars, Friday spirit rallies, cross grade level matchups to encourage students during testing, and One School-One Book; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of Principal Friesen in building systems for academic interventions and meeting social-emotional needs, in structuring early childhood partnerships with Head Start and the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, and in developing and implementing new math and reading curricula has resulted in annual gains and an all-time high in achievement scores for her students; and

WHEREAS, Principal Friesen has demonstrated her dedication to improving the education profession as the President and Past President of NeAESP Region 1 and as a member of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, Nebraska Council of School Administrators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, HOPE Squad, and Alpha Delta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Principal Friesen will represent Nebraska at the 2019 National

Distinguished Principal celebration this October in Washington, D.C.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Principal Kris Friesen on being named the National Distinguished Principal from Nebraska for 2019.
2. That the Legislature congratulates Principal Friesen for her accomplishments at York Elementary School.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Principal Friesen.