Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 51

By: Johnson (Rob), Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Boggs, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Crain, Dahm, David, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Shumate, Simpson, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat and Wyrick

A Resolution recognizing Piedmont High School assistant principal, Clay McDonald, for being named the 2014 Oklahoma Assistant Principal of the Year; congratulating him on being named a 2014 finalist for the National Assistant Principal of the Year award; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Clay McDonald, Assistant Principal of Piedmont High School, has been named the 2014 Oklahoma Assistant Principal of the Year by the Oklahoma Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Clay McDonald has also been named a national finalist for the 2014 NASSP/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year award making him one of the top three assistant principals in the nation and the first Oklahoman to receive the recognition; and

WHEREAS, he has served as an educator in Oklahoma for 19 years, including 14 as an assistant principal. He began his career as a teacher and a coach at Meeker Public Schools, then taught and coached at Choctaw High School (CHS) before becoming the assistant principal at CHS for five years. He went on to serve as the assistant principal at McKinney Independent Schools for a year before becoming assistant principal at Piedmont High School where he has served for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, while at Piedmont, McDonald has worked hard to balance management tasks, serve as the instructional leader, and present a positive environment for both students and staff. He has implemented numerous initiatives all aimed at developing a strong and positive learning environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, he wrote and obtained a grant to be part of the High Schools That Work (HSTW) initiative. Through the grant, Piedmont has been able to add and make changes to programs based on data identifying their strengths and needs. They have been so successful through this program that McDonald has presented his focus group models at both state and national HSTW Conferences; and

WHEREAS, McDonald also developed Preparing All Wildcats for Success, or P.A.W.S., which has garnered national attention for the district. Under the program, teachers provide students with information on college and careers, graduation requirements and school issues such as bullying; and

WHEREAS, he has also helped create a reading program to increase reading and literacy in the school and a policy to decrease the number of students failing classes by providing them more time to turn in uncompleted assignments; and

WHEREAS, McDonald also created a professional development session to help teachers better understand the ACT; started an ACT Day at the school to help students; and created an ACT prep course, which has seen an increase in enrollment every year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes Piedmont High School assistant principal, Clay McDonald, for being named the 2014 Oklahoma Assistant Principal of the Year.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates him for being the first Oklahoman to be named a finalist for the National Assistant Principal of the Year award.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the 2014 Oklahoma Assistant Principal of the Year, Clay McDonald.

Adopted by the Senate the 27th day of March, 2014.

Kim David

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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