**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1729**

**A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2026 Kansas Principals of the Year and the Kansas Superintendent of the Year for their exemplary leadership and steadfast dedication to the students, families and communities of Kansas.**

**WHEREAS, Strong and visionary leadership in Kansas public schools is essential to ensuring student achievement, educator effectiveness and community confidence in public education; and**

**WHEREAS, The Kansas Principals Association (KPA) is a statewide professional organization representing school leaders across Kansas and is dedicated to supporting principals and assistant principals through professional development, advocacy and recognition of excellence in school leadership through its annual Principal of the Year program; and**

**WHEREAS, The KPA Principal of the Year program recognizes exemplary elementary, middle and high school principals and assistant principals who have demonstrated innovation in instructional practice, measurable improvements in student achievement through safe and inclusive school cultures, student and staff wellness, equity in educational opportunities and collaborative leadership in their service to Kansas students and their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, The Kansas School Superintendents Association (KSSA) is a statewide professional organization composed of Kansas school superintendents and is committed to advancing education through leadership development, collaboration and advocacy on behalf of students and school districts across the state; and**

**WHEREAS, The KSSA Kansas Superintendent of the Year award recognizes a superintendent who has exhibited exemplary leadership, professional accomplishment and a sustained commitment to improving educational opportunities for all students while effectively managing district operations and fostering partnerships with educators, families and community stakeholders; and**

**WHEREAS, The 2026 Kansas award recipients are the Kansas Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Reginald Eggleston, USD 475 Geary County; the Elementary Principal of the Year, Heath Henderson, Skelly Elementary, USD 490 El Dorado; the Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year, Sarah Thomas, Ross Elementary, USD 443 Dodge City; the Middle School Principal of the Year, Rick Sola, Chisholm Trail Middle School, USD 233 Olathe; the High School Principal of the Year, Kurt Seiler, Independence High School, USD 446 Independence; and the High School Assistant Principal of the Year, Chase Rietcheck, Ulysses High School, USD 214 Ulysses; and**

**WHEREAS, These distinguished leaders exemplify the values of service, professionalism and innovation and serve as mentors, role models and advocates for students and educators throughout Kansas; and**

**WHEREAS, We recognize the invaluable contributions of these outstanding educational leaders and commend their tireless efforts to ensure that every Kansas student receives a high-quality education: Now, therefore,**

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:*** **That we congratulate and commend the 2026 Kansas Principals of the Year and the Kansas Superintendent of the Year for their exemplary leadership and steadfast dedication to the students, families and communities of Kansas, and we extend our sincere appreciation for their service and our best wishes for their continued success; and**

***Be it further resolved:*** **That the Secretary of the Senate shall send six enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Argabright.**

**Senate Resolution No. 1729 was sponsored by Senators Argabright, Clifford, Fagg, Peck, Rose, Ryckman and Thomas.**

**I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body**

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***President of the Senate.***

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Secretary of the Senate.