

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6072

A RESOLUTION congratulating Fort Riley Middle School on receiving the National Middle School of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, Fort Riley Middle School has been selected as the 2013 National Association of Middle School Principals/Lifetouch School of the Year. The National Association of Middle School Principals has over 3,000 members in 39 states; and

WHEREAS, Fort Riley Middle School was selected for this award based on its ability to show how it promotes academic achievement, improves discipline and attendance and sustains continual effort in improving academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Fort Riley Middle School has high academic standards and many supports in place to meet the needs of all students. The faculty and staff have four goals with an academic focus, which include: Advancing Via Individual Determination, which targets school-wide strategies in writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading; practice standards from the common core math standards; use Web 2.0 tools, which allows users to interact and collaborate with the world and learn from rich and varied sources; and co-teach, where teachers partner to co-plan, co-teach and co-debrief a lesson; and

WHEREAS, Fort Riley Middle School exemplifies teamwork by having a “community of learners.” This community includes students, parents, faculty, administration and staff working together so every student can be successful. Through the use of student led conferences, students receive guidance from staff in developing academic, behavior and service goals and share progress on these goals with their parents during the conference; and

WHEREAS, Fort Riley Middle School exemplifies training by orienting new students. Students learn what each classroom is doing in regards to the Kansas Assessment requirements, the rigor of the Kansas Standards, as well as classroom and behavioral expectations; and

WHEREAS, Fort Riley Middle School exemplifies morale by having the “Building Resilient Adaptable Teens” program, known as the “BRAT Pack.” The BRAT Pack was implemented to connect with the students and to capitalize on commonalities of the impact of transiency and deployment. Walk-a-Mile Day, Veteran’s Day Celebration and a wellness fair are all events that contribute to the morale of the students, faculty and staff at Fort Riley Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Fort Riley Middle School exemplifies discipline by remaining proud of the behavior of its students. The staff implemented a comprehensive behavior management system enabling them to communicate expectations to students, parents and staff while assigning consequences on a consistent basis. Students who make good decisions are eligible to attend an incentive celebration; and

WHEREAS, Fort Riley Middle School exemplifies all of the priorities of the First Infantry Division as they support the students of the heroes of the Big Red One. Fort Riley Middle School’s military sponsor is the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, known as “Hamilton’s Own”: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Fort Riley Middle School on receiving the 2013 National Association of Middle School Principals/Lifetouch School of the Year Award.

House Resolution No. 6072 was sponsored by Representatives Allan Rothlisberg, Tom Moxley and Vern Swanson.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.