

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 229**

Introduced by Smith, 14; Sullivan, 41.

WHEREAS, Dr. Rick Black began his career in education as an elementary teacher at Cather Elementary in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rick Black obtained a degree in elementary education from Peru State College in 1973, received a master's degree in elementary administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) in 1978, and earned a doctoral degree in education administration curriculum and instruction from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rick Black has served as superintendent of the state's fourth largest school district, Papillion-La Vista Public Schools, since 2007; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Rick Black, the Papillion-La Vista public school district earned district-wide Advanced Accreditation, was ranked first among Class A schools statewide in writing, and received 60% voter approval for the passage of a \$59 million bond to meet the needs of the growing district; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rick Black has been recognized for his work by being named the NASA-AASA Superintendent of the Year in 1997, was placed in the Millard Public Schools Hall of Fame in 1994, and has received such honors as the UNO Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Nebraska Association of School Administrators Distinguished Service Award.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Dr. Rick Black for his accomplishments and commends him for the 40 years he has dedicated to nurturing the academic, intellectual, and creative growth of Nebraska's children.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Rick Black.