

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 3

Introduced by Davis, 43.

WHEREAS, Hay Springs High School was ranked 133rd out of the 500 schools on Newsweek's 2014 America's Top High Schools list; and

WHEREAS, Hay Springs High School was the highest of only three Nebraska schools that made the list; and

WHEREAS, Newsweek's rankings aim to identify the public high schools in the United States that do the best job of preparing students for college and overcoming the obstacles posed by socio-economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, despite a 44% poverty rate, Hay Springs High School ranked in the 91st percentile in college readiness, the 71st percentile in college-bound students, and the 81st percentile in graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, this ranking is a testament to the dedication of the students, as well as the commitment of the faculty and staff to ensuring the best educational opportunities for the students at Hay Springs, a school that has struggled in the past; and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, Hay Springs High School has progressed from being a persistently low-achieving school to reaching a 100% graduation rate and being recognized nationally for its success at college preparation.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the students, faculty, and staff of Hay Springs High School on their admirable ranking and applauds their whole-hearted commitment to a high standard of education.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Steve Pummel, superintendent and principal, on the vast improvement to the school over his six years as superintendent, and thanks him for his dedicated leadership.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Steve Pummel, Hay Springs superintendent and principal.