

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1874**

**A Resolution honoring Mike Mathes as the 2012 Kansas School Superintendents Association Superintendent of the Year.**

**WHEREAS, Mike Mathes is completing his 35th year as an educator, having served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and superintendent; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike has served as Superintendent of the Seaman USD 345 school district for the past ten years and has worked with the state board of education, administration, staff and patrons to maintain and enhance the state-recognized quality of educational offerings by efficiently and effectively transforming the educational structure and focus of the district; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike's approach to leadership is to always encourage risk-taking with a dose of common sense and planning; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike has never let the grass grow underneath a promising educational idea; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike has served his community with distinction in many diverse areas, ranging from the Topeka Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to chair of the Shawnee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike is currently serving as President of the Kansas School Superintendents Association and is also a member of numerous professional education organizations; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike was named 2010 Co-Administrator of the Year by the Kansas School Nurse Organization and an Outstanding Educator by the Rotary Club in 2009; and**

**WHEREAS, Kansas Commissioner of Education, Dr. Diane DeBacker, has praised Mike for his ability to effectively communicate education issues to our policy makers in the legislature; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike has received the loving support of his wife, Kathy, son, Jeff, daughter-in-law, Gena and grandson, Carter: Now, therefore,**

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize Mike Mathes for his valuable contributions toward the education of public school children in the state of Kansas, and congratulate him for being named the 2012 Superintendent of the Year by the Kansas School Superintendents Association; and*

*Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Kelly.*

Senate Resolution No. 1874 was sponsored by Senator Laura Kelly.

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.*