

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 443

Introduced by Hadley, 37.

WHEREAS, Kevin Witte, a Kearney High School social studies teacher, has received the 2013-14 Milken Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Awards program, considered the "Oscars of Teaching," rewards and inspires excellence in the world of education by honoring top educators around the country with \$25,000 unrestricted awards. The Milken Educator Award targets early-to-mid career education professionals for their already impressive achievements and, more significantly, for the promise of what they will accomplish in the future; and

WHEREAS, Kevin teaches World Geography, World History, Advanced Placement World History, and American History at Kearney High School. Kevin also developed the curriculum to create a well-received new course called International Wealth and Poverty. Kevin uses his overseas travels to enrich the classroom experience for his students beyond textbooks, and in the process shows them that being a true scholar is an exciting and relevant endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Kevin's teaching style, which encourages critical thinking and ensures comprehension every step of the way, shows his commitment to putting students on the path of lifelong learning. Kevin has gone above and beyond in his profession, as well as in his personal education, by embarking on purposeful global journeys, earning two master's degrees in

history and education while working, and teaching himself Latin during his lunch breaks; and

WHEREAS, outside of the classroom, Kevin takes advantage of opportunities to impact even more students by mentoring new teachers, by serving on numerous committees for Kearney Public Schools, and by recently playing an important role in revising Nebraska's social studies standards at the state level.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Kevin Witte on receiving the 2013-14 Milken Educator Award and expresses its gratitude for his dedication to our state's students and to the future of education.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Kevin Witte.