

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 7

Introduced by McCollister, 20; Craighead, 6.

WHEREAS, Andrew Easton, a teacher at Omaha Westside High School, was named by the Public Broadcasting Service as one of 52 Lead Digital Innovators from a pool of talented and innovative educators from across the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Easton became a student himself by joining his own students in taking fellow Westside teacher Matt Rasgorshek's introduction to video class to learn how to use videos in his classroom to give students more instructional options; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Easton tries to use technology in nearly every facet of his teaching through sites like Animoto, nawnal and PowToon, as well as screen casts and presentations in Prezi to mix things up and make videos fun and educational; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Easton is a third-generation teacher who was inspired by his father and grandfather to serve other people and help students achieve their personal and educational goals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Easton also serves Westside High School as head coach for the impressive boys' varsity cross country team, which competed in the state championship in 2016 for a record-setting fourth consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Easton has earned the respect of his colleagues at Westside High School and in the Omaha education community. He is often mentioned in Westside's One-to-One Learning Initiative presentations as proof of the impact technology has on young learners.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Andrew Easton of Omaha Westside High

School for being named the 2016 Lead Digital Innovator for Nebraska by the Public Broadcasting Service.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Andrew Easton, Westside Community Schools Superintendent Blane McCann, Assistant Superintendent Mark Weichel, Director of Communications and Engagement Brandi Petersen, and Mr. Easton's video technology mentor, Matt Rasgorshek.