

SHORT TITLE: Commending and congratulating Woodward Middle School and teachers Kathy Dick and Betsy Zadorozny for receiving educational awards; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 38

By: Williams (Don)

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending and congratulating Woodward Middle School for receiving the national Blue Ribbon Schools award for excellence in education and Kathy Dick and Betsy Zadorozny for receiving the 1996 Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Education; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, there are 110,621 public and private schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Woodward Middle School, which includes grades five through eight, was one of only 266 schools in the nation selected this year for the national Blue Ribbon Schools award for excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ribbon schools are considered the best in the nation and possess winning qualities which include: excellence in instruction, innovative programs, documented student achievement, low dropout rates, safe and drug-free environments, parental involvement and community support; and

WHEREAS, the selection process took two years with a panel of 100 private and public school educators, college and university staff, state and local government officials and other members of the education community; and

WHEREAS, Woodward teachers Kathy Dick and Betsy Zadorozny, have also been selected as recipients of the 1996 Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Education, sponsored by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Senate takes great pride in recognizing and honoring outstanding schools like Woodward Middle School, and outstanding teachers like Kathy Dick and Betsy Zadorozny. Schools and teachers such as these make education Oklahoma's most valued asset and this state a great place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby commends and congratulates Woodward Middle School of Woodward, Oklahoma, for receiving the national Blue Ribbon Schools award for excellence in education.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the heartfelt efforts of the Woodward Middle School Principal, Mike King; the Assistant Principal, Petra Sullander; the Interim Superintendent, Joan Gaston; the Woodward Board of Education; fellow committee workers and student representatives; parents and the entire community; all of whom helped make Woodward Middle School a Blue Ribbon School.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate also commends and congratulates Kathy Dick and Betsy Zadorozny, teachers at Woodward Middle School in Woodward, Oklahoma, for being selected as winners of the 1996 Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Education.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Woodward Middle School Principal, Mike King; the Assistant Principal, Petra Sullander; the Interim Superintendent, Joan Gaston; the Woodward Board of Education; Kathy Dick; Betsy Zadorozny; and the Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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