ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

By: Burrage, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Rabon, Reynolds, Rice, Riley, Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution praising Dr. Larry G. Burdick's career in education; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

<u>WHEREAS</u>, Larry G. Burdick was born August 28, 1932 in Mooreland, Oklahoma. Larry attended Mooreland High School and graduated from Oklahoma State University with B.S., M.S., and Ed.D. degrees; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, Larry G. Burdick began his education career at Garber, Oklahoma, where he was a Math Teacher, Coach, High School Principal, and Superintendent. He then became Director of Teacher Education at Phillips University; and WHEREAS, Larry G. Burdick has been Superintendent of Schools at Pryor, Oklahoma, for the past 40 years. His last day of employment will be Monday, June 30, 2008. During this period, he taught school finance classes at the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma State University, and Northeastern Oklahoma State University. In 2007, Lincoln Elementary School (in the Pryor School District) was selected as one of seven Oklahoma No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, Larry G. Burdick has served as President of the Oklahoma Public School Research Council and the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Larry G. Burdick has chaired the Oklahoma Education Association Legislative Commission, the Legislative Goals Committee of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators, the Formula Revision Advisory Committee, and the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators Legislative Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Larry G. Burdick has served as a member of the: State Financial Support Committee, Executive Committee of the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration, Professional Standards Board, the University of Tulsa Advisory Committee for the Educational Program for Public School Administrators, Steering Committee for Ad Valorem Reform, Oklahoma Association of School Administrators Formula Revision Committee, State Superintendent's Finance Task Force, Oklahoma Schools Advisory Council Legislative Committee, State Superintendent's Advisory Team, and State Legislature School Funding Formula Task Force; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, Larry G. Burdick has been honored as Oklahoma Schools 1991 Administrator of the Year, by having a new 1,700 seat gymnasium in Pryor named the "Burdick Center", and by being selected 2005 Oklahoma Music Educators Association Administrator of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

<u>THAT</u> the Oklahoma State Senate praises the educational career of Dr. Larry G. Burdick, Superintendent, Pryor Public Schools.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Dr. Burdick well upon the occasion of his retirement as Pryor Superintendent of Schools, knowing that his involvement in public education will continue well after his formal employment.

<u>THAT</u> a copy of this resolution be distributed to Pryor Superintendent of Schools Dr. Larry G. Burdick.

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate