

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 51

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing Piedmont High School  
8 assistant principal, Clay McDonald, for being named  
9 the 2014 Oklahoma Assistant Principal of the Year;  
10 congratulating him on being named a 2014 finalist for  
11 the National Assistant Principal of the Year award;  
12 and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, Clay McDonald, Assistant Principal of Piedmont High  
14 School, has been named the 2014 Oklahoma Assistant Principal of the  
15 Year by the Oklahoma Association of Secondary School Principals; and

16 WHEREAS, Clay McDonald has also been named a national finalist  
17 for the 2014 NASSP/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year  
18 award making him one of the top three assistant principals in the  
19 nation and the first Oklahoman to receive the recognition; and

20 WHEREAS, he has served as an educator in Oklahoma for 19 years,  
21 including 14 as an assistant principal. He began his career as a  
22 teacher and a coach at Meeker Public Schools, then taught and  
23 coached at Choctaw High School (CHS) before becoming the assistant  
24 principal at CHS for five years. He went on to serve as the  
assistant principal at McKinney Independent Schools for a year

1 before becoming assistant principal at Piedmont High School where he  
2 has served for the past eight years; and

3 WHEREAS, while at Piedmont, McDonald has worked hard to balance  
4 management tasks, serve as the instructional leader, and present a  
5 positive environment for both students and staff. He has  
6 implemented numerous initiatives all aimed at developing a strong  
7 and positive learning environment; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2007, he wrote and obtained a grant to be part of  
9 the High Schools That Work (HSTW) initiative. Through the grant,  
10 Piedmont has been able to add and make changes to programs based on  
11 data identifying their strengths and needs. They have been so  
12 successful through this program that McDonald has presented his  
13 focus group models at both state and national HSTW Conferences; and

14 WHEREAS, McDonald also developed Preparing All Wildcats for  
15 Success, or P.A.W.S., which has garnered national attention for the  
16 district. Under the program, teachers provide students with  
17 information on college and careers, graduation requirements and  
18 school issues such as bullying; and

19 WHEREAS, he has also helped create a reading program to increase  
20 reading and literacy in the school and a policy to decrease the  
21 number of students failing classes by providing them more time to  
22 turn in uncompleted assignments; and

23 WHEREAS, McDonald also created a professional development  
24 session to help teachers better understand the ACT; started an ACT

1 Day at the school to help students; and created an ACT prep course,  
2 which has seen an increase in enrollment every year.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
4 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

5 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes Piedmont High School  
6 assistant principal, Clay McDonald, for being named the 2014  
7 Oklahoma Assistant Principal of the Year.

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates him for being the  
9 first Oklahoman to be named a finalist for the National Assistant  
10 Principal of the Year award.

11 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the 2014  
12 Oklahoma Assistant Principal of the Year, Clay McDonald.

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