

House Joint Memorial 12

Sponsored by Representative REARDON

SUMMARY

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Urges President and Congress to recognize Matt Utterback on receiving National Superintendent of the Year award.

JOINT MEMORIAL

1 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
2 States of America, in Congress assembled:

3 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legis-
4 lative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

5 Whereas while all Americans acknowledge that the education of children in our nation depends
6 greatly on the quality of teachers, fewer realize that the academic success of those children also
7 rests on the shoulders of effective higher leadership; and

8 Whereas in March of this year, The School Superintendents Association (AASA) awarded Matt
9 Utterback the 2017 AASA National Superintendent of the Year award in recognition of his out-
10 standing contributions to education; and

11 Whereas the AASA reviewed superintendents from across the United States for their excellence
12 in communication, professionalism, community involvement and leadership and found Matt
13 Utterback to be the stellar choice in all categories; and

14 Whereas Matt Utterback, with nearly 30 years of distinguished service in public education, has
15 been the superintendent of the North Clackamas School District in Milwaukie, Oregon, for the past
16 four years; and

17 Whereas as superintendent, Matt Utterback guides the education of more than 17,000 students
18 at 32 schools; and

19 Whereas under Matt Utterback's leadership, the North Clackamas School District has improved
20 graduation rates by 14 percentage points, making the rates among the best in Oregon, and produced
21 student growth and achievement levels that lead the state, despite budgetary tightening that re-
22 quired cuts in key areas; and

23 Whereas Matt Utterback has been lauded for his results for student populations that tradi-
24 tionally face challenges in school, including low-income, minority and special education students;
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26 Whereas Matt Utterback is respected both for his ability to create new opportunities for student
27 success at all levels and for his dedication to his school district and its continuous improvement;
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29 Whereas in 2016, Matt Utterback was honored as Oregon's Superintendent of the Year, and thus
30 his 2017 national award is a source of pride to his state but is not wholly unexpected by his fellow
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1 Oregonians aware of his reputation for excellence; and

2 Whereas we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, understand the founda-
3 tional importance of education in the lives of all Americans and comprehend that much of the great
4 responsibility of providing that education falls to school district superintendents across the country,
5 whose difficult work is worthy of recognition; now, therefore,

6 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

7 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge that the
8 President and the Congress of the United States of America recognize Matt Utterback on his re-
9 ceiving the 2017 AASA National Superintendent of the Year award; and be it further

10 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to
11 the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member
12 of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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