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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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### Subtitle

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS:

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick J. Wolf is a Distinguished Professor of Education Policy and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Endowed Chair in School Choice in the Department of Education Reform at the College of Education and Health Professions of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education Reform has had many accomplishments over the past two (2) years that warrant recognition and congratulation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education Reform has assisted in improving the quality of education provided to Arkansas children through multiple



avenues, including conducting research, serving in key positions statewide, creating solutions, and advising stakeholders such as Secretary of the Department of Education Johnny Key, members of the General Assembly, and educators; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education Reform has developed and implemented demonstration projects in public schools covering a wide array of subjects, including projects related to arts integration, projects related to a trauma-informed public charter schools, projects related to Holocaust education programs, projects related to STEM curriculae, and a project related college visits for students during their eighth-grade year; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education Reform has enhanced a positive perception of education quality in Arkansas, as evidenced by the Association for Public Policy and Management awarding Dr. Robert Costrell the Steven D. Gold Award and Dr. Wolf being the corecipient of the Best Paper Award by the Association of Private Enterprise Education; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education Reform has also done extensive research into the priority areas of school choice, education policy, teacher quality, leadership, and accountability and transparency as evidenced by their publication of forty-nine (49) journal articles, sixteen (16) book chapters, and fifty-one (51) working papers on those topics since the start of 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to the database Academic Analytics, the Department of Education Reform has the fourth overall scholarly productivity among departments in the field of educational evaluation and research in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education Reform also ranks first in academic awards, second in the production of scholarly articles, and third in the publishing of books and book chapters according to the database Academic Analytics,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives congratulate Dr. Patrick J. Wolf and the Department of Education Reform on their many recent achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Patrick J. Wolf by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.