

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1817

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Topeka High School debaters.

WHEREAS, Topeka High School seniors Rachel M. Buck and Sarah K. Bellows-Blakely are the 2004-2005 two-speaker Class 6-A state champions in debate; and

WHEREAS, The debate competition, which is sponsored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, was held at Washburn Rural High School on January 21 and 22. The team had a record of 10 wins and 0 losses at the tournament. Sixty-six teams from across the state were entered in the competition; and

WHEREAS, Rachel and Sarah are four year debaters. They are the first Topeka High School debate team to win the triple crown of debate tournaments by qualifying for the National Forensic League National Tournament in debate with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss—and will compete in the national tournament in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in June; winning the Debate Coaches' Invitational tournament for the top 32 debate teams in Kansas with a record of 7 wins to 0 losses; and then winning the Class 6-A two-speaker state debate tournament; and

WHEREAS, This team is the second team from Topeka High School to win the Class 6-A two-speaker state debate tournament. Seniors Adam Obley and Ned Sebelius were the 1998-1999 champions; and

WHEREAS, The coaches for this championship team were Pam McComas and the assistant coaches were Peter Crevoiserat, James Reager and Ray McComas; and

WHEREAS, The members of this fine team have received statewide recognition for their successes this year. The team exhibited great teamwork and a strong determination to win. They had the enthusiastic support of the school administrators, faculty members, fellow debaters and family members plus the successful efforts of their coaches: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Rachel M. Buck and Sarah K. Bellows-Blakely for winning the 2004-2005 Class 6-A two-speaker state debate championship and their coaches for the expert guidance they have given to these champion debaters; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 8 enrolled copies of this resolution to Pam McComas, Topeka High School, 800 West 10th Street, Topeka, KS 66612.

Senate Resolution No. 1817 was sponsored by Senators Laura Kelly and Vicki Schmidt.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*