

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1847

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Lakeside Elementary School.

WHEREAS, Pittsburg's Lakeside Elementary School is the Kansas recipient of the 2005 Exemplary Reading Program Award from the International Reading Association. The award was given on March 11 at the opening general session of the Kansas Reading Association in Wichita. The school also will be recognized at the International Reading Association Convention in San Antonio on May 1; and

WHEREAS, Lakeside Elementary School was one of 13 schools nominated for the award. After being notified that the school was one of three finalists, the school had an extensive on-site visit by representatives of the International Reading Association. The school's reading program is based on four literary blocks: Comprehension, word study, fluency/self-selected reading and writing. The entire staff at Lakeside is totally committed to the literary success of all students, and the school has been able to limit classroom size to 20 students. Local businesses have participated in providing incentives, and the program stresses family reading nights; and

WHEREAS, The Exemplary Reading Program has five objectives: To improve literacy in our society, to recognize school staffs who demonstrate excellence in reading, to encourage the development of exemplary reading/language arts programs, to report to the public noteworthy efforts to improve reading skill and to disseminate specific information about high-quality programs; and

WHEREAS, About 65% of the students at Lakeside Elementary School are at-risk students. In two years the school has gone from 54.2% proficiency to 75% proficiency in reading and is at the desired state standard in this skill: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Lakeside Elementary School, the students, teachers and administrators involved, plus the parents and community organizations supporting them, upon receiving the 2005 Exemplary Reading Program Award; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this award to Cory Gibson, Principal, Lakeside Elementary School, 709 South College, Pittsburg, KS 66762-5097.

Senate Resolution No. 1847 was sponsored by Senator Jim Barone.

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.*