

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1855

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Thomas More Prep-Marian High School boys basketball team and Coach Joe Hertel for winning the 3A Class 2005 State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, The Thomas More Prep-Marian High School boys basketball team won the 2005 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 3A State Basketball Championship with a thrilling 63 to 57 victory over Minneapolis High School in the state championship game at Hutchinson on March 12; and

WHEREAS, The Thomas More Prep-Marian High School “Monarchs” basketball team finished the season with a record of 18 wins and 8 losses; and

WHEREAS, After having a record of 6 wins to 7 losses midway through the season, the team’s senior class members forced a turn around of 10 consecutive wins which resulted in the first state championship for the school in any sport. The team returned triumphantly to the campus to be met by a welcoming group of about 50 cars filled with their enthusiastic supporters. The last time the city of Hays had a state prep champion in basketball was 1944 when the Hays High School boys team won the championship; and

WHEREAS, The members of the championship team were Chase Schippers, Kyle Hammerschmidt, T.J. Schmidt, Nick Felder, Brandon Bieker, Nolan Hoffman, Eric Thomas, Eli Nsabindora, Josh Post, Tucker Mall, Greg Diehl and Cameron Stremel; the head coach was Joe Hertel, the assistant coaches were Chris Drees and Tom Drees and the team manager was Nathan Geist; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding basketball team have received statewide recognition for their fine sportsmanship and athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team was due to its excellent teamwork, strong competitive spirit and determination to win. The team also had the enthusiastic support of the school’s administrators, the faculty, the students, the players’ parents and many area citizens: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Thomas More Prep-Marian High School boys basketball team and Coach Hertel be congratulated and commended for winning the 2005 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 3A State Basketball Championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 15 enrolled copies of this resolution to Ken Haas, Principal, Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, P.O. Box 9, Hays, KS 67601-3199.

Senate Resolution No. 1855 was sponsored by Senator Janis K. Lee.

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.*