

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1867

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Topeka High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (MCJROTC) and Senior Marine Instructor Gunner Kelley for becoming national drill champions.

WHEREAS, The Topeka High School MCJROTC drill teams displayed great confidence, skill and military bearing during the grueling West Coast National JROTC Drill Competition in Redondo Beach, California, on April 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Topeka High School MCJROTC drill teams represented the State of Kansas, and Topeka in particular, at the West Coast National Drill Competition, competing against 300 other teams; and

WHEREAS, The Topeka High School MCJROTC armed drill team captured the armed sweepstakes award, first place in armed exhibition drill, third place in armed regulation drill and fourth place in armed inspection; and

WHEREAS, The Topeka High School MCJROTC unarmed drill team captured third place in unarmed regulation drill; and

WHEREAS, The Topeka High School MCJROTC color guard captured the sweepstakes award, outstanding color guard commander award, first place in regulation drill and first place in inspection; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Dell Fletcher captured first place in the pull-up competition; and

WHEREAS, The team members were Quinton Alexander, Jessie Barajas, Catherine Brennan, Adam Brown, Ashlee Burress, Daniel Byrd, Kimberly Cherry, Kristen Cobler, Andrew Cox, Randall Cunningham, Josh Curry, Todd Demler, James Denton, Ashly Eakes, Dell Fletcher, Blake Hamilton, Merlin Hollis, Josh Joynt, Steven King, Manuel Lee, Archie Marks, Trey Massengale, Andrew Pagel, Adam Pfeifer, Joshua Pritchard, Aubrey Ragan, Antonio Rangel, Celena Rangel, Valyant Reed, Cory Russell, Bradley Smith and Ashly Wood; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team was due to its excellent teamwork, strong competitive spirit, continuous training, outstanding military bearing and determination to win. The team also had the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, the faculty, the students, the parents, 9th Marine Corps District Semper Fi Society and many area citizens: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Topeka High School MCJROTC drill teams and Senior Marine Instructor Gunner Kelley be congratulated and commended for winning the 2005 High School National Drill Competition; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 35 enrolled copies of this resolution to Clardy Vinson, Principal, Topeka High School, 1500 W. 10th, Topeka, KS 66612.

Senate Resolution No. 1867 was sponsored by Senators V. Schmidt, Hensley and Kelly.

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.*