

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1814

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kansas recipients of the 2007 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

WHEREAS, Jamelle Brown, a speech and forensics instructor at Sumner Academy of Arts and Science, Kansas City USD 500, and Eric Kessler, a science teacher at Blue Valley North High School, Blue Valley USD 229, have been selected as the 2007 Kansas recipients of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. They will receive an unrestricted award of \$25,000 plus recognition by their community, school and peers; and

WHEREAS, The Milken National Educator Awards program was established by the Milken Family Foundation in 1985. The first Awards were presented in 1987; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial awards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other educational professionals who are furthering excellence in education. By honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, retain and motivate talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, The Milken National Educator Awards are announced each fall at surprise notifications held in all-school assemblies. Foundation representatives and the chief state school officer make the announcements. This year 48 states and the District of Columbia participated in the program. By publicizing these awards our communities are reminded of the crucial, positive impact of educators. Furthermore, it is hoped these awards will attract the attention of those who might consider teaching as a rewarding career choice: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Jamelle Brown and Eric Kessler upon their selection as the 2007 Kansas recipients of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide 2 enrolled copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to the 2007 Milken Educators.

Senate Resolution No. 1814 was sponsored by Senators John Vratil and Chris Steineger.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.