

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1808

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the West Elk High School boys' track and field team.

WHEREAS, The West Elk High School boys' track and field team won the 2008 Class 2A State Championship with 47 points; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 Class 2A State Championship was the first state title ever won by West Elk High School in any sport; and

WHEREAS, West Elk won the 2A state title with the help of the four gold medals won by junior Sonny Lee and senior Taylor Lowe; and

WHEREAS, Junior Sonny Lee won the 200 meter in 23.04 seconds, the 400 meter in 49.03 seconds and the high jump with a leap of 6 feet and 4 inches giving him a total of three gold medals; and

WHEREAS, Senior Taylor Lowe won a gold medal in the long jump with a jump of 20 feet and 10³/₄ inches; and

WHEREAS, West Elk also received some points in the tournament from Brett Koop's fifth place distance in the long jump of 20 feet and 2³/₄ inches and his fourth place distance in the triple jump of 42 feet and 4¹/₂ inches; and

WHEREAS, West Elk overcame the mid-tournament injury of Taylor Lowe with James Lear filling in for him in the 4x100 meter relay, helping C.J. Madison, Shane Hall and Sonny Lee earn an eighth place finish in the event; and

WHEREAS, West Elk has been led by the experience and wisdom of head coach Pat Simmons and assistant track coach Debbie Simmons; and

WHEREAS, Track and field is one of the more grueling high school sports, requiring these outstanding athletes to dedicate many hours to training; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the West Elk High School boys' track and field team and coach Simmons for being the 2008 Class 2A State Champions and bringing home the first ever state title to West Elk; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide 15 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Schmidt for presentation to the West Elk boys' track and field team.

Senate Resolution No. 1808 was sponsored by Senator Derek Schmidt.

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.