

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1830

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Suzanne Blair for earning the 2008 American Star of Teaching award for Kansas.

WHEREAS, On October 1, 2008, Dr. Suzanne Blair was presented the 2008 American Star of Teaching award in a surprise assembly at Gardner Edgerton High School; and

WHEREAS, This assembly took Dr. Blair by complete surprise when she was presented with the award by United States Department of Education Region VII Representative Dr. Mary Davidson Cohen with U.S. Congressman Dennis Moore, Kansas Representative Mike Kiegerl, Kansas Senator Karin Brownlee and Gardner Mayor Carol Lehman in attendance to honor Dr. Blair's achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blair also received letters of congratulations recognizing her outstanding contributions from Governor Kathleen Sebelius and U.S. Senator Pat Roberts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suzanne Blair has been teaching in the Gardner-Edgerton District for 11 years, transferring from Wheatridge Middle School to Gardner Edgerton High School in Fall, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blair teaches Advanced Placement Calculus and Statistics courses as well as Informal Geometry and Algebra I and served as a contributing advisor to the National Engineering Design Challenge team at Gardner Edgerton High School, which won the national championship; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blair holds Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 4,000 teachers nationwide were nominated for the American Stars of Teaching award and only one teacher is chosen from each state; and

WHEREAS, Through the American Stars of Teaching program, now in its fifth year, the United States Department of Education recognizes exemplary teachers who are raising student achievement and using innovative classroom strategies to help meet the goals of the No Child Left Behind Act; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 American Stars represent thousands of teachers across the country who are making a difference in children's lives, regardless of the challenges they face; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suzanne Blair has been an outstanding middle school and high school math teacher for many years in the Gardner-Edgerton School District and her ability to simplify complex subjects not only enables her students to understand difficult material, but to excel: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Dr. Suzanne Blair for earning the 2008 American Star of Teaching award for Kansas and thank her for the inspiration and guidance she has provided for her students; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide three enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Brownlee.

Senate Resolution No. 1830 was sponsored by Senator Karin Brownlee.

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.*