

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1875

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Marie Clement for being named Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2009.

WHEREAS, Marie Clement was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Kansas on March 15, 2009 at the culmination of the three-day event at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. As Ms. Wheelchair Kansas, Marie Clement will serve as a role model and spokesperson for people with disabilities by appearing at public events and meetings throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, 2009 was the fifth year in which the Ms. Wheelchair Kansas contest was held; and

WHEREAS, The contest seeks to empower participants through enhanced self-awareness and confidence, to educate the public and to advocate for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Marie Clement will advance to the national Ms. Wheelchair America 2010 Program to be held August 24-29, in Rapid City, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Marie is married to Robert Clement and has three children; Jason, who is 31 and lives with his wife Liz and children Joseph and Arianna in Palmdale, California; Nick, who is 27 and attends Haskell University in Lawrence and will be interning for the Prairie Band Casino this summer and Chance, who is 11 and lives at home. Marie has lived in the state of Kansas for the past six years and currently resides in Mayetta, where she and her family are members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation; and

WHEREAS, In addition to taking care of her family, Marie loves gardening and planting flowers. She is also an artist and works on projects such as beading, crocheting, creating stained glass art and decoupage; and

WHEREAS, Marie will have the opportunity to travel throughout Kansas educating various groups about the issues of importance to people with disabilities. Marie's goal is to educate others about improving the lives of people with disabilities and to help other people with disabilities broaden their horizons and not feel limited by barriers through her platform of "Greater Mobility through Accessibility": Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Marie Clement for being named Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2009 and for exhibiting all the strength and character that serve to make her a wonderful role model for all Kansans; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide two enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Morris for presentation to Marie Clement.

Senate Resolution No. 1875 was sponsored by Senator Stephen Morris.

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.*