

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1877

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the University of Kansas debate team.

WHEREAS, Brett Bricker and Nate Johnson of the University of Kansas defeated defending national champion Wake Forest to win the National Debate Tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, Bricker and Johnson topped 78 intercollegiate teams competing at the tournament held March 26-31 at the University of Texas-Austin. They defeated California-Berkeley in the semifinal to advance to the championship round; and

WHEREAS, This is KU's fifth national debate title, having previously won in 1954, 1970, 1976 and 1983. KU has had a team in the National Debate Tournament for each of the past 42 years; and

WHEREAS, Brett Bricker, a mathematics major, is the son of Gary and Norma Bricker and a graduate of Wichita High School Southeast. Nate Johnson, who is majoring in philosophy, political science and psychology, is the son of Ron and Betty Johnson and a graduate of Manhattan High School; and

WHEREAS, Led by 18-year Kansas coach and 2006 national coach of the year, head coach Scott Harris, the KU debate team also won two other national tournaments this season; and

WHEREAS, Brothers Patrick and Sean Kennedy, both Leawood sophomores, defeated Georgetown to win first place at the Freshman/Sophomore Nationals, held in East Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, At the National Junior Division Debate Tournament in Overland Park, two KU teams tied for first place. Patrick Kennedy and Mathew Peterson, Wichita junior, went 12-0 and defeated Kansas State University in the semifinals. Mark Wilkins, Topeka sophomore, and Andrew Jack, Lawrence and Manhattan junior, were 11-1, defeating the University of Minnesota in the other semifinal; and

WHEREAS, Last season, the KU debate team finished the year ranked first in the national varsity rankings; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kansas debate team has demonstrated exemplary abilities in capturing the national debate championship and in continuing the history of excellence in debate at KU: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the University of Kansas debate team for its outstanding achievements this season and that we wish all the team members continued success in their academic endeavors; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Marci Francisco.

Senate Resolution No. 1877 was sponsored by Senator Marci Francisco.

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.*