

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6040

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Wichita Heights High School basketball team and Coach Joe Auer for winning the 2010 Class 6A State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, The Wichita Heights High School boys' basketball team won the 2010 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Basketball Championship with a 56-40 win over Blue Valley Northwest in the state championship game at White Auditorium in Emporia; and

WHEREAS, The Wichita Heights High School Falcons basketball team finished the season with a record of 23 wins and 2 losses and, after their 2010 tournament win, have won back-to-back state championships, something that hasn't happened in Class 6A for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, For the 2009-2010 season, the team set and accomplished the following team goals: Winning the City League, the mid-season tournament in Dodge City and finally the state tournament. Not only did they win the state championship, they were also ranked 43rd by ESPN and 24th in the MaxPreps national ranking for high school basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, The members of this championship team were Jay Bradley, Taylor Countee, Taylor Cross, Aaron Degraffenread, E.J. Dobbins, Perry Ellis, Aaron Jefferson, Terrence Moore, Jalen Owens, Keith Riley, Dreamius Smith and Evan Wessel. The team managers were Victor Parker and Maui Perez. The coaches were head coach Joe Auer and assistant coaches Bryan Chadwick, Aaron Hanshaw, Caleb Reimer, Tyler Richardson, Gary Thomason, Richard Vix and Ben Wahlers; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team was due to their amazing athletic ability, their diligent study of the game, understanding the role each member had to play and using these strengths in an intelligent manner. The team also had the enthusiastic support of all of the athletes at Wichita Heights, as well as the parents, teachers, fellow students and community as a whole: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Wichita Heights High School basketball team and coach Joe Auer for winning the 2010 Kansas High School Activities Association Class 6A State Basketball Championship and extend our best wishes for their continued success and happiness in the future.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*