

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1819

A RESOLUTION recommending Kevin Saunders for the position of Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

WHEREAS, Kevin Saunders, despite being badly injured and handicapped in a grain elevator explosion in 1981, has dedicated his life to motivating others and demonstrating the importance of physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Saunders is now an actor, author and internationally acclaimed motivational speaker, and has been named one of the top 100 motivational speakers in the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Saunders has amassed a truly impressive list of accolades and achievements, including:

- Appointed by President H.W. Bush and President Clinton to serve on the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS), of which he is a former senior member
- Commended for his help in the creation of the National Initiative on Physical Fitness for Children and Youth with Disabilities, or the "I Can Do It, You Can Do It" program
- Named as the "Greatest All-around Wheelchair Athlete in the World"
- Worked with the Kansas State University football team, serving as a motivational coach during what was to become known as "The greatest turnaround in college football history"
- Pushed his wheelchair across America, spanning over 2,500 miles on behalf of PCPFS and the American Medical Association
- Pushed his hand cycle through five countries in Europe while serving as an international ambassador for health and fitness; and

WHEREAS, When asked what he felt was the greatest thing about his success, Mr. Saunders stated, "It's having the opportunity to share my story with people of all ages and encourage them to reach for higher and greater goals than ever before. The only thing that's better than winning a gold medal is watching someone that you've helped transcend their current limitations and reach for new levels of excellence." Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we applaud Kevin Saunders for all he has accomplished, and for the inspiration he has provided to everyone around him, and proudly support and recommend him for the position of Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1819 was sponsored by Senator Janis K. Lee.

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.*