

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1876

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Kansas City Kansas Community College Debate and Forensics Team for winning the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Championship.

WHEREAS, The Kansas City Kansas Community College Debate and Forensics Team won a record seventh consecutive title in Team Policy Debate at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in New Orleans in April; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the team won its sixth consecutive title in the Lincoln-Douglas policy debate at the tournament. The team completely dominated this debate. Students are not allowed to compete against their own team, so when each duo of team members defeated their opponents, all six of the KCKCC team members were awarded gold medals. The team also won the Top Debate Program Sweepstakes Award and Top Overall Program Sweepstakes Award; and

WHEREAS, The team also won the national title in Poetry Interpretation and finished second in Program of Oral Interpretation. By the end of the tournament, the KCKCC team had accumulated 102 points, almost double the points scored by the second place finisher; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the team of Corey Lande and Nick Novak received the Bell-Scroggins Award, which is an award given to the best team in the National Tournament, as voted by their competitors; and

WHEREAS, Individual debaters in the tournament were: Kristyn Russell of Lansing, Kansas; Aaron Thomas of Kansas City, Missouri; Blake Burge of Leavenworth, Kansas; Dennis Sudac of Kansas City, Kansas; Marquis Bell-Ard of Oak Park, Illinois; Katelyn Lawson of Leavenworth, Kansas; Nick Novak of Lansing, Kansas and Corey Lande of Belton, Missouri. Individual members of the forensics team were: Michael Kelley of Olathe, Kansas; Stephanie Henderson of Independence, Missouri and Tiara Tyson of Blue Springs, Missouri. Coaches of the national championship team were: Head coach Darren Elliott and assistant coaches Amy Arellano, Clay Crockett, John Bretthauer, Adrian Self, Ashley-Michelle Papon and Ashley Cook; and

WHEREAS, The entire KCKCC Debate and Forensics Team brings great credit upon themselves and their families, coaches and college and are deserving of being applauded for the hard work and effort required to excel in this activity: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Kansas City Kansas Community College Debate and Forensics Team for their outstanding season and for winning the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament, and extend our best wishes for their continued success and happiness; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send 29 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Kultala.

Senate Resolution No. 1876 was sponsored by Senators Kultala, Steineger and Haley.

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.*