

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1735

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the
2016 Shawnee Heights High School volleyball team.

WHEREAS, The Shawnee Heights High School volleyball team won the 2016 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 5A Volleyball Championship by defeating St. James Academy in the final match of the State Tournament in Topeka on October 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Thunderbirds reached the finals by beating their Centennial League rival, Emporia High School, in the semifinal match; and

WHEREAS, The Thunderbirds finished the season with a record of 38 wins and six losses, and won their first state championship since winning back-to-back titles in 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, Jazz Sweet was named the 2016 Kansas Volleyball Association's Player of the Year, and was also named to the All-State, All-City and All-Centennial League first teams; Megan Cooney was named to the All-State, All-City and All-Centennial League first teams; Faith Rottinghaus was named to the All-State second team, and was also named to the All-City and All-Centennial League second teams; Amaya Tillman was named All-State honorable mention, and was also named to the All-City and All-Centennial League first teams; Valerie Golder was named to the All-City and All-Centennial League second teams; and Mickey Murphy was named All-City and All-Centennial League Newcomer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The Thunderbirds were led by head coach Laura Curry, who was named All-State, All-City and All-Centennial League Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Members of the team include: Megan Cooney, Faith Rottinghaus, Jazz Sweet, Amaya Tillman, Valerie Golder, Lydia Ostenson, Hannah Wilson, Kirsten Johnson, Abbey Fischer, Briley Ginter, Mickey Murphy, Jaycee Ginter and Megan Stretton. The head coach is Laura Curry, and the assistant coaches are: Sara Brun, Danielle Faylor and Kayla Moylan. The managers are D'Mya Valdivia and Kelsey Riedel; and

WHEREAS, The Thunderbirds received statewide recognition for their athletic abilities and fine sportsmanship. The success of this team was due to their unselfish teamwork, competitive spirit and relentless pursuit of success. The team also had the enthusiastic support from the school's administrators, teachers and staff, fellow students, parents and the entire Shawnee Heights community: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Shawnee Heights High School volleyball team and head coach Laura Curry for winning the 2016 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 5A Volleyball Championship; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 25 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Hensley.

Senate Resolution No. 1735 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.