

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1742

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Olathe Northwest High School Raven Dance Team for winning their eighth consecutive national title.

WHEREAS, On March 5, 2017, the Olathe Northwest High School Raven Dance Team won first place at the National Dance Alliance High School Nationals held in Orlando, Florida, for the eighth consecutive year. At the competition, the team competed against 138 of the most talented high school dance teams from around the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, The team earned first place distinction for their Large Varsity Jazz and International Pom routines, in which they competed against teams from Japan. In addition, they were named the 2017 Senior Grand Champions, the highest honor of the Alliance Nationals. This marks the first time the Raven Dance Team has won three first-place awards in the same competition; and

WHEREAS, The Raven Dance Team also received recognition for their sportsmanship, technical excellence, jazz-winning routine and innovative choreography; and

WHEREAS, The Raven Dance Team consists of 24 varsity members and 15 junior varsity members. These dedicated and talented young dancers strive to represent Olathe Northwest High School in a positive and spirited manner; and

WHEREAS, Varsity members perform at various school and community events and practice five days a week for up to two hours per day to prepare for games and other performances. The team dances are choreographed by head coach, Shannon Summers, and assistant coach, Alison Krumbiegel, with short routines being choreographed by the nine team leaders; and

WHEREAS, During football season, the team doubles as a color guard, performing at halftime with the band. In addition to their tremendous dance skills, they have received top scores and won awards for their auxiliary unit; and

WHEREAS, Each January, the varsity team competes in two regional competitions against other midwest high school dance teams in various categories, including jazz, hip hop, team performance, lyrical, novelty and pom, in order to earn a spot in the national competition held in March; and

WHEREAS, Members of the varsity team are: Brooke Allen, Amy Anderson, Skylar Batty, Chloe Bartels, Avery Boland, Mady Cole, Alexis Cross-Tunley, Andie Dain, Destane Doughty, Kennedi Dyro, Sarah Glass, Abby Good, Taylor Lang, Jade Osborn, Jiani Osborn, Alexandra Privat, Grace Rasmussen, Lily Riederer, Haley Scalabrin, Layne Steffen, Gabby Thomas, Carley Uhl, Olivia Whitenack and Molly Winegar; and

WHEREAS, The junior varsity team was established in 2010. Like the varsity team, they perform special guest routines at various school and community events and practice four days per week for up to two hours per day. The junior varsity team also competes in two regional competitions each January; and

WHEREAS, To prepare for their regional and national competitions, the teams sacrifice part of their winter break and weekends for extra practice time. The team members work hard each year to maintain their tradition of success: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Olathe Northwest High School Raven Dance Team, their parents, coaches, administration, faculty and entire student body for the team's eighth consecutive national title win, and we wish them continued success in the future; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1742 was sponsored by Senator Julia Lynn.

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.*