

Senate Resolution No. 1724

By Senators Erickson, Francisco, Masterson and Sykes

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1 A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2022–2023
2 University of Kansas women's basketball team on an outstanding
3 season and for winning the program's first Women's National
4 Invitation Tournament (WNIT) Championship.

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6 WHEREAS, On April 1, 2023, the University of Kansas women's
7 basketball team completed an outstanding season by winning the
8 WNIT Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, The Jayhawks completed a perfect 6–0 run in the WNIT
10 tournament by downing Western Kentucky University (86–72), the
11 University of Missouri (75–47), the University of Nebraska (64–55),
12 the University of Arkansas (78–64) and the University of Washington
13 (61–36) prior to the title win over Columbia University of the Ivy
14 League (66–59); and

15 WHEREAS, Taiyanna Jackson was named the 2023 WNIT Most
16 Valuable Player; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiyanna Jackson was joined on the WNIT All-Tournament
18 team by her fellow Jayhawk Zakiyah Franklin, along with Kaitlyn
19 Davis, Dalayah Daniels, Allison Day and Abbey Hsu; and

20 WHEREAS, The Jayhawks were represented on the 2022–2023 All-Big
21 12 women's basketball team by the senior trio of Taiyanna Jackson,
22 Zakiyah Franklin and Holly Kersgieter. The honors featured Taiyanna
23 Jackson and Zakiyah Franklin as All-Big 12 First Team selections,
24 Holly Kersgieter as an All-Big 12 honorable mention and Taiyanna
25 Jackson as a member of the Big 12 All-Defensive Team. Taiyanna
26 Jackson was a unanimous selection for both honors; and

27 WHEREAS, Brandon Schneider completed his eighth season at the helm
28 of the Kansas women's basketball program. Coach Schneider was the
29 2022 Big 12 Coach of the Year. Earlier in his career, Coach Schneider
30 had a highly successful 12-year stint at Emporia State, where he
31 guided the Lady Hornets to the 2010 NCAA Division II National
32 Championship; and

33 WHEREAS, Thanks to the Jayhawks' strong performance during the
34 regular season and the hard work of the athletic department, the
35 Jayhawks were selected to play all six of their WNIT games in historic
36 Allen Fieldhouse, including the championship game in front of 11,701

1 fans, the largest crowd at Allen Fieldhouse for a women's basketball
2 game since 2009: Now, therefore,

3 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate
4 and commend the University of Kansas women's basketball team for
5 an outstanding season and winning the WNIT Championship; and

6 *Be it further resolved:* That we recognize head coach Brandon Schneider,
7 associate coach Terry Nooner, assistant coach Morgan Paige, assistant
8 coach Karyla Middlebrook, athletic director Travis Goff, deputy
9 athletic director and senior woman administrator Nicole Corcoran,
10 University of Kansas chancellor Doug Girod and every athlete and
11 member of the team for a successful 2022–2023 season; and

12 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send three
13 enrolled copies of this resolution to University of Kansas Athletic
14 Director Travis Goff, one enrolled copy each to Senators Erickson,
15 Francisco, Masterson and Sykes.
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