

## House Resolution No. 6011

By Representatives Phelps, Billinger, Cassidy, Collins, Denning, S. Gatewood,  
McLeland, Schwab and Weber

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1 A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Fort Hays State  
2 University for being named by *U.S.News & World Report* to the top  
3 tier of online education universities.

4 WHEREAS, Fort Hays State University emerges as the number two  
5 undergraduate online education program in the nation when *U.S.News &*  
6 *World Report* criteria are compared cumulatively; and

7 WHEREAS, Out of the many hundreds of universities in the nation  
8 that offer online education, Fort Hays State was one of only 40 that were  
9 given honor roll status, the highest distinction in the rankings; and

10 WHEREAS, *U.S.News & World Report* evaluated online bachelor's  
11 programs according to three criteria: (1) Teaching practices and student  
12 engagement; (2) student services and technology; and (3) faculty  
13 credentials and training. Graduate programs were evaluated by the same  
14 three criteria plus a fourth criterion, admissions selectivity; and

15 WHEREAS, Fort Hays State ranked sixth in the nation in the category  
16 of teaching practices and student engagement, ahead of universities such  
17 as the University of South Carolina, the University of Cincinnati and the  
18 University of Florida. In the category of student services and technology,  
19 Fort Hays State ranked 10th in the nation, ahead of Western Kentucky  
20 University, Penn State University and the University of Florida. In the  
21 category of faculty credentials and training, Fort Hays State ranked 35th  
22 in the nation, ahead of Arizona State University, the University of Denver  
23 and the University of Missouri; and

24 WHEREAS, Three of Fort Hays State's graduate online programs also  
25 received rankings of distinction and finished ranked ahead of several  
26 large and nationally recognized universities; and

27 WHEREAS, The graduate business program, or master of business  
28 administration, ranked fifth in the nation in the student services and  
29 technology category, ahead of George Washington University, Indiana  
30 University and Arizona State University. The masters in nursing program  
31 ranked sixth in the nation, ahead of Loyola University Chicago, St. Louis  
32 University and Duke University. The masters in education program  
33 ranked 14th in the nation, ahead of the University of Texas, Florida State  
34 University and Indiana University; and

35 WHEREAS, Not only does Fort Hays State's online education

1 program rank highly in quality, but also in affordability.  
2 GetEducated.com recently ranked the master of liberal studies with a  
3 concentration in justice studies and the bachelor of science in information  
4 technology and telecommunications/computer networking as number one  
5 in the nation for affordability. Four other Fort Hays State online programs  
6 were ranked second most affordable and a fifth program was ranked third  
7 most affordable; and

8 WHEREAS, Such outstanding achievements could not have been  
9 accomplished without the hard work and forward thinking of the faculty,  
10 staff and administrators of Fort Hays State University: Now, therefore,

11 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
12 That we congratulate and commend Fort Hays State University for its  
13 distinguished online education program and we wish them continued  
14 success in their climb to the top of the rankings; and

15 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of  
16 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to  
17 Representative Phelps.

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