

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1750

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kansas State University quarterback Collin Klein for his achievements on and off the football field.

WHEREAS, Collin Klein was born September 19, 1989, and played football for Loveland High School in Colorado and set school records for completion percentage and all-purpose yards; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein was a coach before he was a quarterback. When his younger brother Kyle joined a flag football team, Collin assumed the role of defensive coordinator. He did not start playing football until he was old enough for high school; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein made his first career start at quarterback for Kansas State University in a win against the Texas Longhorns in 2010. Collin's leadership qualities led him to be selected as a three-time team captain for K-State; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious career, Collin Klein earned many awards. He was named a 2012 second team All-American by the Associated Press. He won the 2012 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, the 2012 Kellen Moore Award and was named the 2012 Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. He was a finalist for the Maxwell Award, the Davey O'Brien Award, the Walter Camp Player of the Year Award and the Manning Award; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein set many records. He holds the K-State single-season records for most rushing touchdowns and for most rushing yards by a quarterback; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein piled up close to 3,400 yards and 37 touchdowns during the 2012 football season while leading the K-State Wildcats to an 11-victory season and the program's first Big 12 Championship since 2003. He was invited to New York City as one of three finalists for the Heisman Trophy, college football's most prestigious award. He later played in the 2013 East-West Shrine Game; and

WHEREAS, When Collin Klein graced the cover of Sports Illustrated, it was so difficult to find a copy in Kansas and Colorado that the magazine had to re-release it; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein was named to the 2012 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. Out of 117 nominees, Collin was one of 22 players honored. He is the second K-State football player to receive the award in its 21-year history. He also was a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein was named to the Good Works Team for his various activities in the Manhattan community, such as work with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a local reading program, a Christmas food program and the Special Olympics. For him, free time means community service. His selflessness, his faith, his leadership and his work ethic make him not only a special quarterback, but also a special community servant; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein has various other talents beyond football. In high school he attended musical recitals, where he played the piano, violin and mandolin. He was a second team Academic All Big 12 member; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein famously played through injuries and established himself as one of the toughest players in the nation. Collin had a unique way of viewing injuries as challenges. He fought through severely bruised ribs, a separated shoulder and a dinged-up ankle. His teammates long ago nicknamed him "Honey Badger" because, much like the animal that became famous in a YouTube video for picking a fight with a rattlesnake, Collin Klein never backed down; and

WHEREAS, Collin Klein has three main priorities: God, family and football: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Collin Klein for his numerous outstanding achievements both on and off the football field and thank him for his community service and for being a positive role model for young people across Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Hawk and Senator Love.

Senate Resolution No. 1750 was sponsored by Senators Tom Hawk and Garrett Love.

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.*