

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1818

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2000 Olathe North Senior High School football team.

WHEREAS, For the fourth time in the past five years, the Olathe North Senior High School football team is the Kansas High School Activities Association Class 6A football champion; and

WHEREAS, Capping a perfect 12-0 season, the Olathe North Eagles became the 2000 champion with a 42-7 win over Manhattan High School. The championship game was played at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence on November 18, 2000. Olathe North's head coach, Gene Wier, had a simple game plan: Give the ball to Darren Sproles. It worked. Sproles carried the ball 28 times for 281 yards and scored five touchdowns. Overall the offense rushed for 396 yards. As potent as the offense was, it was the defense that decided the outcome of the game. The defense made five interceptions of Manhattan passes with the first one being on the first play of Manhattan's second possession of the ball. Interceptions were made by Royal Whitaker (2), Jim Bergant, Jesse Gullota and Matt Wiggin. The defense caused Manhattan to punt three times in the first half and limited Manhattan's first half offense to just 72 yards; and

WHEREAS, The team was committed to work hard in every practice feeling that if it did it would again win the state championship—which determination has now become reality; and

WHEREAS, The following team members will continue their football careers at the college level:

Darren Sproles	Kansas State University
Levi Milne	Coffeyville Community College
Josh Cahill	Butler County Community College
Taylor Lewis	Coffeyville Community College
Nick Anastasio	Butler County Community College

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the 2000 Olathe North Senior High School football team and head coach Gene Wier upon winning the 2000 Kansas High School Activities Association Class 6A football championship; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Larry Chanay, Principal, Olathe North Senior High School, 600 E. Prairie, Olathe, Kansas 66061-3397.

Senate Resolution No. 1818 was sponsored by Senators Brownlee and O'Connor.

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.