

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1843

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Cloud County Community College women's basketball team and Coach Brett Erkenbrack for winning the 2001 National Junior College Athletic Association Women's basketball championship.

WHEREAS, The Cloud County Community College women's basketball team won the 2001 National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball championship with a thrilling 71-56 victory over Midland College in the championship game at Salina on March 24, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Cloud County "Thunderbirds" basketball team finished the season with a 31-7 record and their first national championship; and

WHEREAS, To get to the national tournament the team defeated previously unbeaten Seward County 77-73 in an overtime victory at the Region 6 tournament. At the national tournament they played and defeated East Central Community College, from Decatur, Mississippi, 74-73, then Cincinnati State College 58-39 in the quarterfinals and Tallahassee Community College 105-96 in the semifinals before beating Midland College 71-56 in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, The players and coaches of this championship team are:

Brandi Brinegar  
Adraina Castaneda  
Heidi Fuchser  
Laura Herman  
Jenny Beamon  
Martina Mihailovic  
Milena Ninkovic  
N'Kiesa Richardson  
Arenda Jackson  
Kristi Stritt  
Miklannet Tennal  
Paulette Valentine  
Theresia Smith  
Rita Walker  
Athletic Director, Walt Bechard  
Asst. Athletic Director, Janet Eubanks  
Head Coach, Brett Erkenbrack  
Asst. Coach, Lorin Miller  
Athletic Trainer, Steve Schroeder  
Bus Driver, Rick Breault; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding basketball team have received national recognition for their fine sportsmanship and athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team is due to its excellent teamwork, strong competitive spirit and determination to win plus the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, the faculty, the students, the players' parents and many community supporters: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Cloud County Community College women's basketball team and Coach Erkenbrack be congratulated and commended for winning the 2001 National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send 25 enrolled copies of this resolution to Dr. George Knox, President, Cloud County Community College, P.O. Box 1002, Concordia, Kansas 66901-1002.

Senate Resolution No. 1843 was sponsored by Senator Mark Taddiken.

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.