

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1844

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Topeka Lutheran School girl's basketball team and Coach Walt Malone for winning third place at the National Lutheran Tournament of Champions.

WHEREAS, The Topeka Lutheran girl's basketball team was undefeated the last two seasons in the Topeka Parochial League and the Parochial League Tournament. Last summer, the Topeka Lutheran School girls won 10 games with 0 losses in the Washburn Summer Basketball League. In addition to the Parochial League Tournament, the Topeka Lutheran School girls won the Annual Topeka Lutheran Invitational Tournament and the St. John's - Alma Preseason Tournament two consecutive years. They also won the Holy Cross Tournament in Emma, Missouri, as a newcomer to the tournament; and

WHEREAS, After a perfect 24 - 0 season during 2001-2002, which included wins over public, private and parochial school teams from Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, the Topeka Lutheran School girls were invited to the National Lutheran Tournament of Champions sponsored by the Lutheran Basketball Association of America, Inc. and held at Valparaiso University from March 21 to 24, 2002. The National Tournament included 24 teams from throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, At the national tournament, the Topeka Lutheran School girls received a bye the first round. In second round play, they defeated a team from Heartland, Michigan. In the third round, they defeated a team from Wheaton, Illinois. In the semi-finals, the Topeka Lutheran School girls lost by 4 points in overtime to a team from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Topeka Lutheran School team bounced back from their only defeat of the season by winning the third place championship game by 9 points, defeating a team from Williamsburg, Iowa. Two Topeka Lutheran School players, Jamie Stinson and Angela Wiseman, were named to the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Topeka Lutheran School girl's basketball team were: Eighth graders, Jessica Berry, Christy Weems, Angela Wiseman and Jamie Stinson and seventh graders, Elise Bruns, Rachael Rost, Stephanie Lange and one sixth grader, Alisha Bolz. For tournaments, the team was joined by seventh graders Elizabeth Dale, Josie Berry, Melissa Powell, Chelsey Rogers and Mikayla Khalil. The Head Coach was Walt Malone. The Assistant Coaches were David Bruns and Jim Stinson; 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 was due to its excellent teamwork, strong competitive spirit and determination to win. The team also had the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, the faculty, the students and the players' parents: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Topeka Lutheran School girl's basketball team and Coach Malone be congratulated and commended for winning third place at the National Lutheran Tournament of Champions and for their success during the past two basketball seasons; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send two enrolled copies of this resolution to Gery Pralle, Principal; and one copy each to Walt Malone, Head Coach, and David Bruns and Jim Stinson, Assistant Coaches, all addressed to Topeka Lutheran School, 701 S.W. Roosevelt, Topeka, Kansas 66606.

Senate Resolution No. 1844 was sponsored by Senators Jackson, Hensley and Jenkins.

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.*