

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1812

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Coach Jeff Laha.

WHEREAS, Jeff Laha, the Clearwater High School cross country coach, has been named the Class 4A Cross Country Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Laha has coached cross country at Clearwater High School for 19 years and has one of the top cross country programs in the state. His boys teams have qualified for the state meet nine times, and his girls teams have qualified 11 times and were the state champions in 1987. Twenty-seven of his runners have been selected to All-State, 77 to All-Region and 105 to All-League teams. Several of his runners have received scholarships to run cross country in college. During the 2002 season, both boys and girls teams qualified for the state meet; the boys finished second and the girls finished fourth; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Laha has initiated a middle school cross country program. During the past season he had 50 high school runners and 22 middle school runners; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Laha has been ably assisted by Sherys Mellen and has generated ardent parent and fan support for the sport. His coaching philosophy is to make sure every athlete feels important and to keep his runners involved in the sport throughout the year: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Jeff Laha for being named the Class 4A Cross Country Coach of the Year; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mr. Tom Ostrander, Superintendent, Clearwater USD 264, 150 South Prospect, Clearwater, KS 67026 for presentation to Mr. Laha.

Senate Resolution No. 1812 was sponsored by Senator Nancey Harrington.

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.*