

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1822

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Washburn Rural High School boys soccer team and Coach Lionel Suarez for winning the 2002 Class 6A State Soccer Championship.

WHEREAS, The Washburn Rural High School boys soccer team won the 2002 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Soccer Championship with a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory over Aquinas High School; and

WHEREAS, The Washburn Rural High School "Junior Blues" soccer team finished the season with a record of 20 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie; and

WHEREAS, The Washburn Rural High School boys soccer team won the 2002 Centennial League Championship by defeating Hayden 3-1, making the Junior Blues league champions for the last eight consecutive years, and allowing only 12 goals scored on them during the 2002 season; and

WHEREAS, In tournament matches the team won the regional championship by defeating Topeka High School 5-0. They progressed through the state tournament by defeating Blue Valley North High School 2-0 in the quarterfinals, Wichita Northwest High School 4-1 in the semifinals and won their first state championship with their 2-1 victory over Aquinas High School; and

WHEREAS, The Washburn Rural High School boys soccer team ended the 2002 season ranked third in the midwest region and 22nd in the country by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America; and

WHEREAS, The team members were Jeff Milberger, Tom Lobell, Eric Purcell, Kyle Sommer, Sean Dawson, Brady Nikkel, Daniel Kirksey, Chip George, Kris Powell, Cole Copeland, Drew Murray, Patrick Olsen, Andrew Forrest, T.J. Weiser, Colby Weddle, Justin Kruger, Matt Wilson, Tanner Sneed, Kyle Golden, Eric Marshall, Ryan Morris, Seth Livingston, Adam Sokolowski and Barry Nelson; the coaches were head coach, Lionel Suarez, and assistant coaches Brian Hensyel, Louis DiLeonardo, and Dave Chooncharoen; and the managers were Trina Kiss, Stacy Kiss, Elizabeth Regier and Jennifer Lollar; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding soccer team have received statewide 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, the players' parents and many area citizens: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Washburn Rural High School boys soccer team and Coach Suarez be congratulated and commended for winning the 2002 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Soccer Championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Mr. William Edwards, Principal, Washburn Rural High School, 5900 SW 61st Street, Topeka, KS 66610.

Senate Resolution No. 1822 was sponsored by Senators Bill Bunten and David Jackson.

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.*