

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1812

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kansas recipients of the 2004 Milken Family Foundation Educator Awards.

WHEREAS, Jesse Bernal, a Spanish teacher at Garden City High School, and Charles B. Jenney, a science teacher at Robinson Middle School, Wichita, have been selected as the 2004 Kansas recipients of the Milken Family Foundation Educator Awards. Each will receive an unrestricted award of \$25,000 plus recognition by the recipient's community, school and peers; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Educator Awards program was established by the Milken Family Foundation in 1985. The first Awards were presented in 1987; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial rewards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education. By honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, retain and motivate talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, This year a total of \$2.5 million will be given; the foundation has presented \$46.9 million in awards since its inception with \$1,150,000 being awarded to Kansans; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Bernal uses music, contests, drills, cultural events and cooking sessions to help each student become more fluent in Spanish. He requires each student to acquire mastery of the language both in oral and written forms. Last year 100 percent of his students passed the AP Spanish test and two of his students received second and third place in the national Spanish examination; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Jenney's classes in science include reading, writing, music and problem solving. His project "Travels to an Unexplored Planet" has students imagine they are part of a scientific investigation team that must travel to a different planet to solve different problems: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Jesse Bernal and Charles B. Jenney upon their selection as the 2004 Kansas recipients of the Milken Family Foundation Education Awards; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Umbarger.

Senate Resolution No. 1812 was sponsored by Senators Umbarger, Betts, Bunten, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Helgerson, Hensley, Journey, Lee, Morris, Oleen, Schodorf, Teichman, Vratil and Wagle.

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.