

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1853

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kendra Frazier.

WHEREAS, Kendra Frazier, an eighth grader at Altamont Grade School, is the 2004 Kansas state spelling champion. She outspelled 98 of the state's best spellers during a four-hour spelling bee at Washburn University's White Concert Hall on March 27; and

WHEREAS, The state spelling bee is sponsored by the Topeka Capital-Journal, St. Francis Health Center and Washburn University. This is the 51st year for the event. Contests are held in each county with the county winners going to the state spelling bee. This year 101 counties participated with 99 county champions appearing at the state meet; and

WHEREAS, To become the state champion Kendra correctly spelled catamaran, congeal, coniferous, dolorous, hypercritical, noisome and callow. She competed for several rounds with Erin Keeley of Manhattan before Erin misspelled noisome. Kendra will represent Kansas in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. on June 1 to 3; and

WHEREAS, Kendra comes from a family of champion spellers. Her mother, Linda, competed in the 1967 All-Kansas Spelling Bee; an older sister, Christa, competed at the state level three times, finishing 14th, sixth and second; and another sister, Angela, went to the state event four times finishing second twice. Kendra, the youngest in the family, said, "I knew this was the last year for anyone in my family. I did it for my sisters"; and

WHEREAS, Kendra is the daughter of John and Linda Frazier: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Kendra Frazier for being the 2004 Kansas spelling champion and wish her great success at the National Spelling Bee; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Kendra Frazier, P.O. Box 324, Altamont, KS 67330.

Senate Resolution No. 1853 was sponsored by Senator Dwayne Umbarger.

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.*