

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1863

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Hayden High School of Topeka girls basketball team and Coach Doug Finch for winning the 2004 Class 4A State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, The Hayden High School girls basketball team won the 2004 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 4A State Basketball Championship with a thrilling 45 to 37 victory over Wichita Collegiate High School in the state championship game at the Bicentennial Center in Salina on March 13. The team defeated Labette County in the first round of play and Colby in the semifinal competition to get to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, The Hayden High School "Wildcats" basketball team finished the season with a record of 23 wins and 3 losses. After losing in two prior championship games, the girls' gold medals were particularly appreciated, and the victory gave the school its fourth Class 4A girls championship; and

WHEREAS, The members of the championship team were Morgan Gaffney, Jennifer Hubbell, Sarah Laha, Betsy Beam, Rachel Preisner, Amanda Holmes, Carrie Eaton, Stephanie Smith, Kalee Silovsky, Abi Dodds, Sarah Kirkwood, Lara Avery and Evelyn Boland. The coaches were Doug Finch, head coach, and James Sandstrom and Jay Simecka, assistant coaches and the managers were Robert Hojnacki, Chris Dodds, Marcus King, Megan Eisenbarth and Brittany Williams; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding basketball 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 Hayden High School girls basketball team and Coach Finch be congratulated and commended for winning the 2004 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 4A State Basketball Championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 22 enrolled copies of this resolution to Mark Madsen, Principal, Hayden High School, 401 S.W. Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66606-2099.

Senate Resolution No. 1863 was sponsored by Senators Jackson, Buntten and Hensley.

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.*