

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1844

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Garfield Elementary School for being awarded the 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award.

WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes outstanding public and private schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic and consistent gains in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Schools nominated for the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award must have at least 40% of their students come from disadvantaged backgrounds who show dramatic improvement in student performance on state tests over the past three years in reading or English language arts and mathematics; or be schools whose students, regardless of demographics, achieve in the top 10% on state tests in reading or English language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ribbon Schools must also meet adequate yearly progress in reading or English language arts and mathematics, must not be identified as a "Persistently Dangerous" school within the last two years, and must be in compliance with other U.S. Department of Education requirements; and

WHEREAS, Garfield Elementary, located in Augusta, Kansas, is comprised of 240 students and 18 full-time certified teachers, 16 of which have Masters Degrees. The staff is comprised of:

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF
2006-2007

PRINCIPAL	KIM CHRISTNER
KINDERGARTEN	KAREN McANULTY
KINDERGARTEN	JENNIFER HUSSELMAN
FIRST GRADE	JUDY TERICK
FIRST GRADE	KAREN BRISTOW
SECOND GRADE	DIANE RHOTEN
SECOND GRADE	RENISSA RILEY
THIRD GRADE	BARBARA McCALLA
THIRD GRADE	CATHY SHAFFER
FOURTH GRADE	JENNIFER CODY
FOURTH GRADE	JANET CLARK
FIFTH GRADE	TAMI IBARRA
VOCAL MUSIC	MEGAN HILTON
BAND	TODD HOLLIS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	KELLI MALM
COMPUTER TEACHER	DANNA LEE
READING TEACHER	MERЕК HOLTZINGER
ART	CHARLENE JESSER
LIBRARY	DEBRA KROEKER
RESOURCE ROOM	ASHLEY STROHM
COUNSELOR	LORI HURST
EARLY CHILDHOOD	KRISTIE HASKELL
SPEECH	JAN FOWLER

WHEREAS, Garfield Elementary encourages their staff to solve problems thoughtfully, collectively and continuously, while working toward the goal of "learning for all." Teachers are encouraged to continuously analyze student achievement using data-driven dialogue, implement innovative, researched based strategies and formalize a hierarchy of interventions for struggling students; and

WHEREAS, As a result of their efforts, Garfield Elementary has achieved the following honors and awards: Recognized as a 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School; being named one of only 24 schools to present at No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Awards; having a featured article in the March 2007 issue of "Extraordinary Educators," a national reading publication; receiving a 2006 Challenge Award for 3rd Grade Reading; receiving the 2007 Exemplary Schools Award from the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals; achieving Kansas Standard of Excellence building-wide; being named presenters at the International Reading Association Midwest Regional; and being selected as presenters at the Superintendent's Council, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Department of Education, and United School Administrators: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the faculty, staff and students of Garfield Elementary be congratulated and commended for their hard work and diligent efforts in being recognized as a recipient of the 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award.

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide 24 enrolled copies of this resolution to Kim Christner, Principal, Garfield Elementary, 135 High Street, Augusta, KS 67010.

Senate Resolution No. 1844 was sponsored by Senator Peggy Palmer.

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.