

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1864

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Blue Valley West High School boys' basketball team.

WHEREAS, The Blue Valley West High School boys' basketball team won the 2007 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A state basketball championship. The Jaguars were crowned with the 6A state title after defeating the Leavenworth Pioneers 55 to 42 at White Auditorium in Emporia on March 10. This is the school's first basketball state championship; and

WHEREAS, The Jaguars finished the season with a record of 18 wins and 7 losses, winning their last nine games in a row. The team tied for first place in its league and became only the second boys' basketball team in the Blue Valley School District to win a state championship; and

WHEREAS, Offensively, the Jaguars shot 51% from the field and 71% from the free throw line throughout the season, while the team's defense held its opponents to an average shooting percentage of just 38% for field goals and 28% from the three-point line; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding basketball team are: Aaron Ashley, Mike Besler, Dan Boan, Josh Copp, Taylor Embree, Jacob French, Brian Grover, Eric Hampton, Tom Herrera, Steven Hooks, Alex Hughes, Robert Lewandowski, Nick Marlo, Jordan May, Michael Moyer, Mike O'Flynn, Mark Rogers, Russell Simons, Brandon Ubel and Jake Wolfe and managers Hunter Kiely, Natalie Birzer and Kelsey Charles. The head coach of the Blue Valley West Jaguars is Donnie Campbell, and the assistant coaches are John Rost, Jimmy Hebb, Kevin Bandy, Brad Thimm and Matt Megee; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team was due to its hard-nosed defense, excellent teamwork and determination to win. The school also had the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, the faculty, the students, the players' families and many area residents: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Blue Valley West High School boys' basketball team be congratulated and commended for winning the 2007 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A state basketball championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 29 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator John Vratil for presentation to the Blue Valley West High School boys' basketball team members and coach Campbell.

Senate Resolution No. 1864 was sponsored by Senator John Vratil.

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.*