

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1870

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Westview 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, Westview Elementary opened its doors in 1954 with approximately 210 students in kindergarten through 4th grade. Now with approximately 240 students in kindergarten through 6th grade, 60% of Westview’s students qualify for free or reduced lunch and 51% of the students represent minority populations. Westview is a district English Language Learner (ELL) Center, with language acquisition support for approximately 70 students. Westview also houses two district Lifeskills classes for children with severe and multiple disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Guided by their mission statement, “WE will encourage a love of learning, respect for self and others, and academic achievement in a safe environment, preparing all students to meet the challenges of *their* future,” the staff and students have worked to achieve success in the classroom. Each year since 2001, the school has demonstrated Adequate Yearly Progress, has twice met the state Standard of Excellence, and has been recognized with four state Challenge Awards for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap. In 2006, Westview Elementary School was awarded the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the faculty, staff and students of Westview Elementary be congratulated and commended for their hard work and diligent efforts in achieving such a high standard of excellence and for receiving the 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 75 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Brownlee.

Senate Resolution No. 1870 was sponsored by Senators Brownlee, Lynn and Wilson.

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.*