

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1860

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Wichita Southeast High School Golden Buffalo basketball team for attaining and performing at a high level of excellence during the 2007-2008 school year.

WHEREAS, During the 2007-2008 basketball season, the Wichita Southeast men's basketball team won the Kansas State High School Activity Association Class 6A State Basketball Tournament championship, defeating Lawrence High School by a score of 88-67 in the championship game. Additionally, the Golden Buffs won the 6A sub-state championship, the Wichita City League regular season championship, and the Valley Center mid-season January Jam Tournament; and

WHEREAS, This is the fourth state title earned by the Golden Buffaloes, and the third state championship in the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, The head coach for the Wichita Southeast men's basketball team is Carl Taylor. Coach Taylor is known not only for winning basketball games, but also for developing young men, holding them accountable in the classroom and in the community. His teams are known for their tenacious defense and explosive offense, but have also gained distinction for their civic and academic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Coach Taylor has earned the distinction of being the coach with the most wins in the history of the Wichita City League, a league known for basketball excellence. This year's state title is his third in 16 years as the Southeast head coach and fourth overall. His overall victory total is 263 games as a head coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Taylor often deflects credit to his assistant coaches and players. This year, the Southeast basketball staff included assistant coaches: Marvin Coleman, Ricardo Harris, Jeff Lantz and Alan Hobson; and

WHEREAS, The Wichita Southeast High School men's basketball team members are: seniors Michael Hammond, Adonis Gantt, Cortez Barnes, Taylor Salome, D'Andre Tomlin and Jordan Cyphers; juniors Deontae Hayden, Joe Mitchell, Cecil Shaw, Deante Dubose and Nathan Duff; and sophomore Joseph Randle; and

WHEREAS, Other members of the Southeast men's basketball community include team managers Devin Hayes, Phillip Ilbiro and Jonathan Thomas; head trainer Robin Priest; athletic director Mark Lamb; principal Leroy Parks; and assistant principals Angela Brown, Fred Crayton, Buddy Dooley and Eric Filippi: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Wichita Southeast men's basketball team be congratulated and commended for continuing an outstanding basketball tradition by winning the Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A state basketball championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 17 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Wagle for presentation to the team and its coaches.

Senate Resolution No. 1860 was sponsored by Senators Wagle, Betts, Donovan, Journey, McGinn, Petersen and Schodorf.

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.*