

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1813

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2008 Independence High School boys' tennis team.

WHEREAS, The Independence High School Bulldogs boys' tennis team won the 2008 Kansas State High School Athletic Association Class 4A state championship for the third year in a row, scoring a total of 36 points; 14 points more than the second place team; and

WHEREAS, The team included seniors Andrew Carr, Adam Greenhaw, Matt Hastings, Sam Schroeder and Michael Ysusi; juniors Logan Dent, Omar Elshabassy, Shane Ferguson, Andrew Payne, Dan Porter and Rylan Romans; sophomores Anthony Davis, Kyle Ferris, Wes Goodrich, Michael Gudmonson, Issac Hilger, Logan Papen, Mason Posch, Cameron Schicke and Austin Schroeder; and freshmen Nick Romans and Joel Simwinga; and

WHEREAS, This year's state qualifiers were Adam Greenhaw, Sam Schroeder, Shane Ferguson, Dan Porter, Omar Elshabassy and Nick Romans. They have been led by the experience and wisdom of their coach Ken Brown and assistant coach Harry Bass; and

WHEREAS, Sam Schroeder and Adam Greenhaw, making their second appearance in the state tournament, finished third in the doubles competition for a season record of 35-6, including first place finishes in doubles at the SEK Tournament and the Class 4A regional and sub-state tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Dan Porter, making his third straight appearance in the state tournament, finished in third place in the state singles competition, giving him a 35-6 record for his junior year; and

WHEREAS, Shane Ferguson and Omar Elshabassy, making their first appearance in the state tournament, finished fifth in the doubles competition, giving them a season record of 35-8; and

WHEREAS, Nick Romans, only the fifth freshman in Bulldog history to qualify for the state tournament, finished ninth in the singles competition, giving him a season record of 30-8; and

WHEREAS, Every Bulldog state qualifier finished in the top 10, truly making this championship a team effort; and

WHEREAS, The members of this championship team have received well deserved recognition from their community and the state for demonstrating high standards of sportsmanship and tremendous athletic ability: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Independence High School boys' tennis team and Coach Brown for winning the 2008 Class 4A state championship and for continuing a tradition of excellence in boys' tennis; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide three enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Derek Schmidt.

Senate Resolution No. 1813 was sponsored by Senator Derek Schmidt.

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.*