

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1711

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kristina Kidwell's third grade class at Whittier Elementary School and KC Healthy Kids on their efforts to support healthy kids and communities through the I Am Here program.

WHEREAS, KC Healthy Kids is a nonprofit advocacy program dedicated to improving the health of Kansas City metropolitan area children; and

WHEREAS, KC Healthy Kids is celebrating I Am Here on March 2, 2017, at the Kansas City Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, This event is KC Healthy Kids' youth photo contest, which is designed to empower students to speak out for healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, I Am Here lifts up the voices of students in grades 3-8 as they share their ideas about how to create a healthier Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, School districts throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area were invited to have classrooms submit captioned photos showing how their communities help or hinder healthy habits; and

WHEREAS, Through this contest, teachers help students think critically about how their surroundings — walking trails or broken sidewalks, safe playgrounds or blighted lots, schoolyard gardens or fast food restaurants — impact their health; and

WHEREAS, KC Healthy Kids has announced the first place award recipients for I Am Here, that include Kristina Kidwell's third grade class at Whittier Elementary School, located in beautiful Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, First place award recipients received \$1,000 to promote student wellness, such as the purchase of new playground balls and pedometers, offering fruit and vegetable tastings or providing nutrition education and school wellness council projects; and

WHEREAS, The great state of Kansas affirms the importance of ensuring that all children have the knowledge and opportunities to eat healthy and be physically fit where they live, learn and play; and

WHEREAS, Actively engaged citizens and healthy communities are strengthened when young people are introduced to civic responsibility early through programs such as I Am Here: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Kristina Kidwell's third grade class at Whittier Elementary School and KC Healthy Kids on their efforts to support healthy kids and communities through the I Am Here program; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Pettey.**

Senate Resolution No. 1711 was sponsored by Senator Pat Pettey.

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.