

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1857

A RESOLUTION congratulating Derek Ziegler and Beth Mendenhall for winning the 2011 Cross-Examination Debate Association's national tournament.

WHEREAS, Kansas State University students Derek Ziegler and Beth Mendenhall have been crowned national collegiate debate champions; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas State University team won the national debate championship at the 2011 Cross-Examination Debate Association's national tournament in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, The victorious pair defeated a team from Towson University in the finals to claim Kansas State University's third national debate championship since 1991. Kansas State University also claimed the championship at the 1993 tournament; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Cross-Examination Debate Association holds a national tournament in which teams of two debate a resolution related to public policy. This year's resolution concerned employment-based immigration visas and other potential immigration reforms. Such a topic requires extensive research and preparation; and

WHEREAS, Debate team members conduct research even between rounds during a tournament. One such research session actually played a big role in the final championship round. The team won the final decision on a piece of evidence that was found 45 minutes before the debate; and

WHEREAS, Derek Ziegler and Beth Mendenhall were able to secure a victory on a 6-3 decision; and

WHEREAS, Derek Ziegler is a proud graduate of Highland Park High School in Topeka; and

WHEREAS, Beth Mendenhall is a proud graduate of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park and was named Debater of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Justin Green, director of the debate team and instructor of communication studies at Kansas State University, coached this championship pair to victory: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Derek Ziegler and Beth Mendenhall for their exceptional performance as part of the Kansas State University debate team and for winning the 2011 Cross-Examination Debate Association's national tournament; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1857 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.*