

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1795**

**A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Alexis Tibbits on receiving a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholarship.**

**WHEREAS, Alexis Tibbits, from Topeka High School, has been selected as a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholar; and**

**WHEREAS, The Gates Millennium Scholars Program was established in 1999 to promote academic excellence and to provide opportunities for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential; and**

**WHEREAS, This prestigious program selects only 1,000 exceptional students per year nationwide to receive a full scholarship covering the cost of tuition, fees, books and living expenses at a college or university of the student's choice and offers students leadership development, mentoring and academic and social support; and**

**WHEREAS, To qualify for the program, students must receive endorsements from an educator and a community member, hold a minimum grade point average of 3.3 and demonstrate leadership through community service or extracurricular or other activities; and**

**WHEREAS, Alexis Tibbits, who is a descendant of Shirley Hodison, a plaintiff in the landmark Brown v. Board case on equal access to education, will be the first person in her family to attend college; and**

**WHEREAS, Alexis Tibbits aspires to become a physician and plans to complement her pre-medical coursework with Spanish studies so she can go on mission trips to developing countries and other places in need of healthcare: Now, therefore,**

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Alexis Tibbits on receiving a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholarship. Alexis has exemplified academic excellence and leadership, and we wish her all the best for continued success in future academic, personal and career challenges and opportunities; and*

*Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Kelly.*

Senate Resolution No. 1795 was sponsored by Senator Laura Kelly.

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.*