

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1797**

**A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Darion Stafford on receiving a  
2016 Gates Millennium Scholarship.**

**WHEREAS, Darion Stafford, from Washington High School in Kansas City, Kansas, 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, Darion Stafford is the 2015-2016 deputy wing commander of the Air Force JROTC at Washington High School and a Kansas State Scholar; and**

**WHEREAS, Darion Stafford plans on attending Oklahoma State University to major in aviation and aspires to become a pilot: Now, therefore,**

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Darion Stafford on receiving a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholarship. Darion has exemplified academic excellence and leadership, and we wish him 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 Pettey.

Senate Resolution No. 1797 was sponsored by Senator Pat Petty.

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.*