

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1703

**A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the members of the
2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year team.**

WHEREAS, The Kansas State Department of Education sponsors the Kansas Teacher of the Year program, which identifies, recognizes and utilizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. The mission of the program is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance and the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, Two teachers – one elementary and one secondary – in each of the state's four United States congressional districts were selected as finalists for recognition as the Kansas Teacher of the Year, with the winner being chosen from among the eight finalists. The Kansas Teacher of the Year is awarded the Hubbard Foundation Kansas Teacher of the Year Ambassadorship, which enables the person selected to devote significant time during the second semester to activities supporting the mission of the program. The 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year and finalists were honored at an awards banquet on November 17, 2018. All members received a cash award as well as mementos of the event; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Teacher of the Year is nominated to represent Kansas in the National Teacher of the Year program, a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers, presented by Voya Financial; and

WHEREAS, The 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year is Whitney Morgan, Kansas City USD 500; and the regional finalists are: Jennifer S. Brown, Geary County USD 475; Megan Clark, De Soto USD 232; Signe A. Cook, Great Bend USD 428; Nicole L. Corn, Lawrence USD 497; Lan T. Huynh, Wichita USD 259; Sharon L. Kuchinski, Leavenworth USD 453; and Tim "T.J." Warsnak, Halstead-Bentley USD 440: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the members of the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year team and wish Whitney Morgan success in the national competition; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send eight enrolled copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to the members of the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year team and an enrolled copy to Senator Baumgardner.**

Senate Resolution No. 1703 was sponsored by Senators Baumgardner, Alley, Bollier, Braun, Estes, Givens, Lynn, Pettey, Pilcher-Cook, Pyle, Rucker, Sykes and Taylor.

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.