

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1840

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Jackie Stiles.

WHEREAS, Jackie Stiles of Claflin and a senior at Southwest Missouri State continues to build her legend in women's basketball. Her obsession with basketball started when at five years of age she accompanied her father, Pat Stiles, the Claflin boys' high school coach, to basketball practice and started dribbling the basketball. Jackie soon advanced to shooting, much shooting in fact, going with her father to scout games and reading about the sport. Her connection to Southwest Missouri State came at an AAU meet when Southwest Missouri assistant coach, Lynette Robinson, noted 12 year old Jackie's great ball handling skills while sitting next to Jackie's father; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Stiles received many honors and awards as a high school basketball player based in part on her practice of making 1,000 baskets daily. As a freshman, she was named All State 1st Team and All Class 1A 1st Team by the Associated Press, the Topeka Capital-Journal and Kansas Sports Magazine; Great Bend Tribune All Area 1st Team and Player of the Year; and USA Today Top 10 Frosh America; as a sophomore, All State 1st Team by the Associated Press, Wichita Eagle, KBCA and Kansas Sports Magazine; as a junior, All Class 1A 1st Team and Player of the Year by the Wichita Eagle, Topeka Capital-Journal, KBCA and the Associated Press; as a senior, All State 1st Team and Kansas Player of the Year by the Associated Press, Wichita Eagle, Hutchinson News, Kansas Sports Magazine and KBCA; Parade Magazine All-America 1st Team, USA Today 1st Team All-American; all time state leading scorer (3603 points) for both boys and girls, most points scored in a season (1252), most points scored in a game (71), highest scoring average per game (35.7). Her high school jersey, Number 45, was retired by Claflin High School in 1997. Her high school grade point average was 3.36 and she was named as a National Honor Society member her Junior and Senior Years; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Stiles was also active in other high school sports. She competed in cross country for four years recording 17 wins. In tennis she was the regional singles champion her Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. In track and field she excelled setting school records in the 3200 meter run, 1600 meter run, 800 meter run, 400 meter run, the triple jump and long jump, and earning 14 gold medals at state championship track meets plus many regional gold medal performances; and

WHEREAS, At Southwest Missouri State, Jackie Stiles has concentrated on basketball. As a freshman she averaged 20.6 points per game; as a sophomore 25.7 and as a junior 27.8 points per game. Now as a senior at Southwest Missouri State she is the NCAA leading scorer in women's basketball, has conference career and single-season scoring records and has been named the Missouri Valley Conference's most valuable player three times this year. She has been named to the Verizon Academic All-American women's basketball team—to be eligible the athlete must be a varsity starter and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.20. Jackie's grade point average is 3.45. She has averaged 30.7 points per game with a 57.8% accuracy; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Missouri State is poised to compete in the final four competition for the national championship. It is her lifelong dream to represent the United States at the Olympic Games, preferably in 2004. After college she plans to play professionally; and

WHEREAS, Her commitment to excellence in life is demonstrated by her humility, dedication to others and her achievements as a student-athlete: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we commend and congratulate Jackie Stiles upon her outstanding career as a student-athlete and wish her every success at the national championship competition, in the Olympics and in her professional career; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Lee for presentation to Jackie Stiles.

Senate Resolution No. 1840 was sponsored by Senators Janis K. Lee and Sandy Praeger.

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.*