

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1850

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls basketball team and Coach Rick Hetzel for winning the 2001 Class 6A girls state basketball championship.

WHEREAS, The St. Thomas Aquinas high school girls basketball team won the 2001 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A girls state basketball championship with a thrilling 58-49 victory over Hutchinson High School in the state championship game at White Auditorium in Emporia on March 10, 2001. Their championship victory was particularly meaningful since it came just six weeks after the team suffered their only loss of the season when they were beaten by Hutchinson High School in the final game of a mid-season tournament; and

WHEREAS, The St. Thomas Aquinas High School "Saints" girls basketball team finished the season with a 24-1 record. This was the team's first year to compete in Class 6A competition, and the school is deservedly proud to claim their first Class 6A championship; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding basketball team have received statewide recognition for their fine sportsmanship and athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team is due to its excellent teamwork, strong competitive spirit and determination to win plus the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, the faculty, the students, the players' parents and many area citizens: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls basketball team and Coach Hetzel be congratulated and commended for winning the 2001 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A girls state basketball championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Adam Holden, Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 11411 Pflumm Road, Overland Park, Kansas 66215.

Senate Resolution No. 1850 was sponsored by Senators Karin Brownlee and Mark Gilstrap.

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.*