

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1831

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Shawnee Heights High School boys basketball team and Coach Craig Cox for winning the 2002 Class 5A State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, The Shawnee Heights High School boys basketball team won the 2002 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 5A State Basketball Championship with a thrilling 66 to 52 victory over McPherson High School in the state championship game at the Expocentre in Topeka on March 9, thereby becoming state champions twice in the past three years; and

WHEREAS, The Shawnee Heights High School "T-Birds" basketball team finished the season with a record of 20 wins and 5 losses; and

WHEREAS, The members of this championship team are: Anthony Giordono, Marcus Miller, Gary Woodland, A.J. Maxwell, John Meissner, Clint Mayer, T.J. Finan, Chris Torrez, Matt Mitchell, Shawn Phillips, Edward Maltos and Ben Martin; and the coaches are head coach Craig Cox and assistant coaches Alan Dean and Jim Wagner; and

WHEREAS, Gary Woodland, the T-Birds' senior star guard who scored 26 points in the championship game, was named as a member of the all city, all league, all state for class 5A and all state for all classes teams by the Topeka Capital-Journal newspaper. He was also named as the all city and league co-player of the year. John Meissner was named to the all city 2nd team, the all league first team and all state for class 5A 3rd team. Chris Torrez was named to the all city 2nd team, all league first team and all state for class 5A 2nd team. Marcus Miller was honorable mention for all city, and all league and all state for class 5A, and was named to the league all defensive team; 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. The team also has had 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 Shawnee Heights High School boys basketball team and Coach Cox be congratulated and commended for winning the 2002 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 5A State Basketball Championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send 20 enrolled copies of this resolution to Warren Watson, Principal, Shawnee Heights High School, 4201 S.E. Shawnee Heights Road, Tecumseh, Kansas 66542-9794.

Senate Resolution No. 1831 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.*