

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1820

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Olathe North High School football team and Coach Gene Wier for winning the 2002 Class 6A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, The Olathe North High School football team won the 2002 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Football Championship with a thrilling 41 - 12 victory over Derby High School in the state championship game at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence on November 30, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Olathe North High School "Eagles" football team finished the season with a record of 13 wins and 0 losses. This was the third consecutive year and the sixth time in the past seven years that the team has been Class 6A Champions. The Olathe North High School football team has a record of 38 consecutive wins which is the longest in Class 6A. Since the creation of Olathe North High School in 1981 the team has never had a losing season; they have won 191 games and lost 36 games, won 14 league titles and 12 district titles and had undefeated seasons in 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, Olathe North High School head football coach, Gene Wier, was named the 2002 Student Sports National Coach of the Year. Coach Wier has been the head football coach for Olathe North High School since the creation of the school in 1981--a record of longevity and success which any coach of athletics would love to possess; and

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

WHEREAS, Jim Bouknight, with his outstanding skills as a running back, won the Simone Award, which was the third year in a row for an Olathe North football player to receive this award; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team was due to its excellent teamwork, strong competitive spirit and determination to win. The team also 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 Olathe North High School football team and Coach Gene Wier be congratulated and commended for winning the 2002 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Football Championship and that Coach Gene Wier be congratulated and commended for being named the 2002 Student Sports National Coach of the Year; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Dr. Larry Andersen, Principal, Olathe North High School, 600 E. Prairie, Olathe, KS 66061-3397.

Senate Resolution No. 1820 was sponsored by Senator Karin Brownlee.

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.*