

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1836

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the McPherson High School boys basketball team and Coach Kinnamon for winning the 2003 Class 5A State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, The McPherson High School boys basketball team won the 2003 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 5A State Basketball Championship with a thrilling double overtime victory over Highland Park High School of Topeka in the state championship game at Topeka on March 15; and

WHEREAS, The McPherson High School "Bullpups" basketball team finished the season with a record of 24 wins and one loss; and

WHEREAS, This year's championship gives the team its 10th state championship and the third in the last eight years. The Bullpups were undefeated in Ark Valley League competition having a 14 and 0 record. Head Coach Kurt Kinnamon was named Coach of the Year and senior Aubrey Bruner, the team's point guard, was named as the league's most valuable player and as All-Class, All-State by the Wichita Eagle newspaper. Additionally, the team's center, Jordan Fithian, was named to the first team for the Ark Valley League; 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 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 McPherson High School boys basketball team and Coach Kinnamon be congratulated and commended for winning the 2003 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 15 enrolled copies of this resolution to Lew Faust, Principal, McPherson High School, 801 E. 1st, McPherson, Kansas 67460-3699.

Senate Resolution No. 1836 was sponsored by Senator Jay Scott Emler.

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.*