

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1851

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kansas students receiving perfect ACT scores.

WHEREAS, The ACT test is widely used as a qualifier for admission to college. Last year over 2.1 million secondary school students took the test and 239 students received perfect scores of 36. During the current academic year, over one million high school students have taken the ACT test; 146 students nationally received a perfect score of 36 with 10 of these students being from Kansas. Through several years of testing, the percent of those scoring a perfect 36 has remained at $\frac{1}{100}$ of a percent. These test results show that these students have studied hard in high school and are ready for the academic challenges of college; and

WHEREAS, The ACT is a curriculum-based test. The primary subjects tested are English, mathematics, reading and science. The content for the test is based on results from the National Curriculum Survey, the only survey of its kind. Educators provide direction on what students are taught in high school and the skills and knowledge they need to do college-level work. Prior results have shown that students who do well on the ACT test perform well in college, and these students are likely to be accepted at highly selective institutions; and

WHEREAS, The 10 Kansas students with perfect 36 ACT scores are:

Turner R. Batty, a 12th grader at Blue Valley North High School and the son of Larry and Kimberly Batty. He plans to major in economics. He has been on the state champion mathematics team, participated in music competition in percussion and tutored elementary students in chess;

Amy Chang, an 11th grader at Blue Valley North High School and the daughter of Nae-Sheng and Li-Wen Chen Chang. She plans to major in business and law. She is a member of the National Honor Society, was a member of the state champion debate team and has qualified for national competition in extemporaneous speaking;

Robert G. Hall, an 11th grader at Olathe East High School and the son of Larry and Shirley Hall. He plans to major in mechanical or aerospace engineering. He has been on the basketball team, served as junior class treasurer and is a member of the National Honor Society;

Kyle Heer, a 12th grader at Olathe East High School and the son of Kirk and Donna Heer. He plans to attend the University of Tulsa majoring in physics or engineering physics. He has been a member of the school band, church handbell choir and church youth group;

Feifei B. Jiang, an 11th grader at Pembroke Hill School and the daughter of David and Julie Jiang. She is a member of the mathematics team, the Science Olympiad and plays the violin;

John P. Larson, a 12th grader at Canton-Galva High School and the son of Phil and Rose Larson. He plans to attend Notre Dame University majoring in engineering. He has been a member of the school's football and track teams, is a member of 4-H and the National Honor Society;

Sara C. Maatta, a 10th grader at Manhattan High School West and the daughter of Eric and Meliz Maatta. She is interested in NASA and teaching. She participates in gymnastics and diving and plays piano;

Cassandra A. Mitchell, an 11th grader at Salina High School South and the daughter of Mark and Kathi Mitchell. She is interested in engineering, possibly biomedical engineering and is involved in varsity tennis, accompanies her church choir and is coeditor of the school newspaper;

Brock T. Phillips, an 11th grader at Wichita High School East and the son of Christopher and Paula Phillips. He is interested in the natural sciences and mathematics. He participates in track and cross country, has been a member of the student council and is a member of the National Honor Society;

Thornton W. Thompson, an 11th grader at Shawnee Mission West High School and the son of Victoria Thompson. He plans to attend Kansas University or Washington University and major in mathematics or science. He plays cello in the high school orchestra and in the Youth Symphony of Kansas City: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend these outstanding students, their parents and schools for the spectacular results these students have achieved on the annual ACT test; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to each of the students (at their high schools using the Department of Education directory for mailing addresses).

Senate Resolution No. 1851 was sponsored by Senator Jay Scott Emler.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.