

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1852

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls basketball team and Coach Rick Hetzel for winning the 2004 Class 6A State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, The St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls basketball team won the 2004 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Basketball Championship with a thrilling 49-35 victory over Topeka Washburn Rural High School in the state championship game at Emporia on March 13; and

WHEREAS, The St. Thomas Aquinas High School "Saints" basketball team finished the season with a record of 24 wins and 1 loss; and

WHEREAS, The team has been to 10 consecutive state tournaments and five consecutive championship games, its last championship being in 2001. This year the team won all of its East Kansas League games with an average margin of victory of more than 20 points and all of its tournament games by 10 points; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn McCullough was named as the Gatorade Player of the Year and was nominated for the DiRenna Award as one of the top five players in the metropolitan area; she set a state tournament record for the most free throws made in a game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rick Hetzel was named as the Kansas City Area Girls Co-Coach of the Year and the Sun Country Coach of the Year; 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 St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls basketball team and Coach Hetzel be congratulated and commended for winning the 2004 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Basketball Championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to William P. Ford, Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 11411 Pflumm Road, Overland Park, KS 66215.

Senate Resolution No. 1852 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.*