

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1812

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2005 Kansas National Board Certified Teachers.

WHEREAS, Twenty-nine of Kansas' finest educators have satisfied the highest professional qualifications of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to be designated as National Board Certified Teachers. They will be recognized as such at a program on February 23; and

WHEREAS, The 2005 Kansas National Board Certified Teachers are: Linda Ackerman, Garden City Sr. High School, Garden City USD 457; Tina Brewer, Lincoln Elementary School, Concordia USD 333; Denise Campbell, Indian Valley Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; Tonya Campbell, West Indianola Elementary School, Seaman USD 345; Tonia Carlson, Wabaunsee Sr. High School, Mill Creek Valley USD 329; Erin Compton, Campus High School, Haysville USD 261; Merrilee Copeland, Wichita Northwest High School, Wichita USD 259; Meggin DeMoss, Rose Hill Primary School, Rose Hill USD 394; Jennifer Duke, Blue River Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; Amy Farthing, Stanley Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; Tonya Graham, Garnett Elementary School, Garnett USD 365; Theresa Gropitch, Blue Valley West High School, Blue Valley USD 229; Jennifer Hare, Cedar Hill Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; Lori Heger, Maize East Elementary 5-6 School, Maize USD 266; Erin Jurand, Lincoln Elementary School, Geary County Schools USD 475; Cheryl Kerns, Blue Valley West High School, Blue Valley USD 229; Christina Khan, Blue Valley West High School, Blue Valley USD 229; Diane Liebsch, Atchison Middle School, Atchison USD 409; Barbara McAleer, Harmony Middle School, Blue Valley USD 229; Marilyn McComber, Emporia High School, Emporia USD 253; Kathleen McCullough, Harmony Middle School, Blue Valley USD 229; Janis Mertes, Vermillion Primary K-1 School, Maize USD 266; Gregory Mittman, Valley Center Middle School, Valley Center USD 262; Diana Oertle, Westside Elementary School, Pittsburg USD 250; Kamiel Rawie, Cedar Creek Elementary School, Olathe USD 233; Stephen Smith, McLean Science/Technology Magnet Elementary School, Wichita USD 259; Lori Teig, Stanley Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; Wendy Trail, Maize Sr. High School, Maize USD 266; and Colleen Zink, Stilwell Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certification, a voluntary process established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, is a symbol of professional teaching excellence. It is achieved through a performance-based assessment process that measures a teacher's practice against high and rigorous advanced standards to demonstrate accomplished practice. Through a series of assessments teachers demonstrate their subject matter knowledge, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students most effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning; and

WHEREAS, The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. Its mission is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by: Maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards; and advocating related education reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education and to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend each of these outstanding educators who have attained the status of National Board Certified Teachers; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 29 enrolled copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to each of the teachers so honored plus a copy to the Commissioner of Education.

Senate Resolution No. 1812 was sponsored by Senator Jean Schodorf.

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.*