

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1826

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Krista Spindler.

WHEREAS, Krista Spindler, a fifth grade student at Mission Trail Elementary School in Leawood, is the Kansas winner in the 2005 “Box Top for Kids’ Caucus Essay Contest”; and

WHEREAS, The “Box Top for Kids’ Caucus Essay Contest” was sponsored by General Mills. School children in grades 5 through 8 were invited to submit a 250 to 500 word essay describing what they would do to increase parental involvement at their school if they were the principal for a day; and

WHEREAS, Krista’s essay proposed a mentorship program at school. Parents would be asked to complete a questionnaire in which they indicated skills or activities which they possessed, and the school children would compile a list of things they wanted to do or learn but which were not taught at school. A committee would then schedule parents as mentors to teach children interested in their particular skill on Saturdays. In this way parents would contribute to the overall knowledge of the children, and the children would gain respect for the special skills possessed by their parents; and

WHEREAS, Finalists from each state received a \$1,000 grant for their school to use for implementation of their ideas. Also, ten selected finalists will visit Washington, D.C. to read their essays to key policymakers in the Congress; and

WHEREAS, Krista, who was 11 years old on February 27, is described as a person who always does her best and is well liked by everyone. Upon considering her essay it is apparent she is a person who is working to make her world a better place to live: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Krista Spindler upon being the 2005 Kansas “Box Top for Kids’ Caucus Essay Contest” winner and wish her great success as she progresses in school and her life’s activities; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Shirley Pinnick, Principal, Mission Trail Elementary School, 13200 Mission Road, Leawood, KS 66209-1750 for presentation to Krista Spindler.

Senate Resolution No. 1826 was sponsored by Senator John Vratil.

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.*