

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1808

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Michelle Walthers for being named
Miss Kansas 2006.

WHEREAS, Michelle Walthers, of Towanda, was named Miss Kansas 2006 and will be representing the state of Kansas in the Miss America Pageant to be held on January 29, 2007, in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Walthers is the daughter of two supportive and dedicated parents, Louis and Cindy Walthers; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Walthers is a graduate of Butler County Community College and will be pursuing a degree in graphic arts this fall at Wichita State University; and

WHEREAS, Through her hard work and dedication, Miss Walthers has achieved the following scholastic honors: National Honor Society; KU Honor Scholar; WSU Presidential Scholar; Relta Cox Memorial Scholarship; Butler Community College Presidential Scholar; Friends University Presidential Scholar; KSHSAA Youth Citizen Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Prudential Citizenship Award; Butler Community College Volunteer Award; and Butler Community College Great Grizzly Deeds Award;

WHEREAS, Miss Walthers has demonstrated great leadership skills by organizing and implementing a fundraising and renovation project raising almost \$6,000 for the Safe House of Butler County; by writing and directing a children's musical; by acting as Science Club Vice President and Treasurer; by serving as drum majorette; by volunteering as a Big Sister through Big Brothers Big Sisters; by serving as a DARE role model; by serving as a children's church worker; and by serving as a Sunflower Girls' State Governor Candidate; and

WHEREAS, Miss Walthers, through her talents and abilities, has also achieved the following accomplishments: Leading Female Performer 2004 Century II Jester Awards; Outstanding Citizenship Award; American Creative Patriotic Art Award Winner; 2005 Butler County Community College Fall Homecoming Queen Candidate; 2005 Miss Kansas Pageant Margene Savage Outstanding Vocalist Award; Miss Kansas 2005 Kimberly Grice Talent Award; and Miss Kansas 2005 3rd runner-up; and

WHEREAS, In January 2006, Miss Walthers' art work was featured on the Kansas episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," and

WHEREAS, Miss Walthers has written and illustrated her own children's book entitled, "Oh What I'd do Without You;" and

WHEREAS, Miss Walthers participated in the "Finding Miss America" documentary filmed in Hollywood in September 2006; and

WHEREAS, Miss Walthers has graciously traveled throughout Kansas as Miss Kansas and has visited schools all over the state and inspired thousands with her platform speech "Strengthening the Family;"

WHEREAS, The Towanda community, Butler county and all other Kansans take pride in the talents and accomplishments of Michelle Walthers and wish her well at the Miss America Pageant: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That Michelle Walthers, Miss Kansas 2006, possesses extraordinary vocal and instrumental talent, has demonstrated a high degree of giftedness in academics and the arts, and embodies all things that are family-oriented; that we congratulate and commend Miss Walthers for her accomplishments; that the entire state of Kansas is very proud of her and extends her its best wishes for continued success and happiness in life; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Michelle Walthers.

Senate Resolution No. 1808 was sponsored by Senator Peggy R. Palmer.

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.