

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1855

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Highland Park High School boys basketball team and Coach Ken Darting for winning the 2007 boys Class 5A State Basketball Championship and for an undefeated 25-0 season.

WHEREAS, The Highland Park High School boys basketball team won the 2007 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 5A State Basketball Championship with a 76-59 victory over McPherson High School in the state championship game at Topeka on March 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, To get to the championship game, the Highland Park Scots defeated Seaman 65-41 in the quarterfinal game and Bishop Miege 45-40 in the semifinal game. The five point margin of victory in the Miege game was the team's closest game of the year and only the second time an opponent came within single digits of the Scots; and

WHEREAS, The Highland Park High School Scots basketball team finished the season with a perfect record of 25 wins and 0 losses for the first time in school history, only the second time in Topeka high school basketball history, and only the fourth team to win a Class 5A state championship with an unbeaten record; and

WHEREAS, For the 2006-07 season, the team set and accomplished the following team goals: Leavenworth Invitational Tournament Champions; Topeka Invitational Tournament Champions; Centennial League Champions; 5A Sub-State Tournament Champions; and 5A State Champions; and

WHEREAS, Lamont Austin and Kyle Weems were named to the 2007 All-State, Class 5A, Centennial League and All-City first teams, and Austin was named to the All-State, Class 5A, Centennial League and All-City first teams and was Centennial League and All-City Player of the Year for the second year in a row; Adrian Herrera was named Class 5A second team, Centennial League second team and All-City first team; Ty Modupe was named Class 5A third team, Centennial League third team and All-City second team; and Rico Richardson was named Centennial League honorable mention, All-City third team and City Newcomer of the Year, all as honored by the Topeka Capital-Journal; and

WHEREAS, In six seasons at Highland Park, Coach Ken Darting has led the Scots to five state tournament appearances and four state championship games, placing runner-up two times and winning the state championship two times, and was named All-State Coach of the Year for 2004 and 2007, Centennial League Coach of the Year for 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2007, and All-City Coach of the Year for 2004, 2006 and 2007 by the Topeka Capital-Journal; and

WHEREAS, The members of this championship team were Lamont Austin, Michael Copeland, Canon Fields, DaVonte Grant, Adrian Herrera, Patrick Inyard, Ty Modupe, Tyson Parker, Willie Ramsdell, Antoine Ray, Rico Richardson, and Kyle Weems. The head coach was Ken Darting; the assistant coaches were Jim Bauersfield, Mike Calhoun, Raphael Posey and Aaron Terry; and the team managers were Justin Burkhardt, Kelli Carter, Tasean Lockett, Cyril Neverland and Shasha Williams; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding basketball team were ranked 13th in the nation by the Max Prep National High School Basketball rankings; and

WHEREAS, The team also received statewide recognition for their athletic abilities and fine sportsmanship. The success of this team was due to their excellent teamwork, competitive spirit, dogged defense and strong will to win. The team also had the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, teachers and staff, fellow students, parents and the entire "It's Great to be a Scot" Highland Park community: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Highland Park High School boys basketball team and Coach Darting be congratulated and commended for winning the 2007 Kansas High School Activities Association Class 5A State Basketball Championship and for finishing the season with a perfect record of 25-0.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 25 enrolled copies of this resolution to Dale Cushmanberry, Principal, Highland Park High School, 2424 SE California Avenue, Topeka, KS 66605-1797.

Senate Resolution No. 1855 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.*