

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1856

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Moundridge High School debate team and coaches on becoming the 2007 3-2-1A Four Speaker Debate state champions.

WHEREAS, The Moundridge High School debate team is the 2007 Kansas State High School Activities Association class 3-2-1A four speaker debate state champions; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Moundridge High School debate team are Ben Schoen, Alex Stucky, Marike Stucky, Natalie Stucky, Sarah Pohl and Natasha Orpin; and

WHEREAS, The team was well-coached throughout the season by Head Coach Mark Stucky and Assistant Coaches Larry Temple and Gail Stucky; and

WHEREAS, On January 6, 2007, the team finished in sixth place in the tournament at Moundridge High School; and

WHEREAS, On January 13, 2007, the team won the regional tournament at Emporia High School in Emporia, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, On January 20, 2007, the team won the 3-2-1A state championship with ten wins and four losses at Blue Valley High School in Stilwell, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Seniors Ben Schoen and Alex Stucky, arguing in the negative, finished with six wins and one loss; and

WHEREAS, Marike Stucky, Natalie Stucky, Sarah Pohl and Natasha Orpin, arguing in the affirmative, finished the season with four wins and three losses; and

WHEREAS, The Moundridge High School debate and forensics program was established in the 1940's by Edwin Stucky, who coached the team to 16 state debate championships, including a streak of eight in a row, and is father of current coach Mark Stucky; and

WHEREAS, Since 1992 the team has won eight more state championships, including a streak of five in a row, under the guidance of coach Mark Stucky; and

WHEREAS, Many community leaders in Moundridge were members of state championship debate teams including: Carl Krehbiel, former state representative and current owner of the Moundridge Telephone Company; Ty Kaufman, Moundridge attorney; Ruth Ritthaler, former Kansas Assistant Attorney General; and David Bradbury, president of Bradbury Corporation; and

WHEREAS, The Moundridge community is indebted to the high school debate program for the leaders it has produced; and

WHEREAS, The Moundridge High School debate and forensics program has enjoyed excellent support from the community; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of the 2007 team bring great credit upon themselves and their families, coaches and school, and are deserving of being applauded for their hard work and effort required to excel in this activity: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Moundridge High School debate team for winning the 3-2-1A state championship and for continuing a tradition of excellence in high school debate and that we congratulate and commend their coaches for the expert guidance they have given to this champion debate team; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide nine enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Jay Scott Emler for presentation to the team and coaches.

Senate Resolution No. 1856 was sponsored by Senator Jay Scott Emler.

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.*