

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1871

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Regency Place Elementary School for being awarded the 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award.

WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes outstanding public and private schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic and consistent gains in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Schools nominated for the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award must have at least 40% of their students come from disadvantaged backgrounds who show dramatic improvement in student performance on state tests over the past three years in reading or English language arts and mathematics; or be schools whose students, regardless of demographics, achieve in the top 10% on state tests in reading or English language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ribbon Schools must also meet adequate yearly progress in reading or English language arts and mathematics, must not be identified as a “Persistently Dangerous” school within the last two years, and must be in compliance with other U.S. Department of Education requirements; and

WHEREAS, Regency Place Elementary, located in Olathe, Kansas, opened its doors in 1999 with 400 students. The school’s enrollment in the Spring of 2007 was almost 700 students; and

WHEREAS, The Regency team consists of more than 44 certified teaching staff and 16 classified staff and have been nicknamed the “Dream Team” as they have maintained Standard of Excellence on Kansas Assessments every year. By focusing on continuous improvement and professional learning communities, the Regency staff has been able to differentiate and target instructional strategies to meet the needs of all students; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the efforts of the staff and students, Regency Place Elementary was awarded the 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the faculty, staff and students of Regency Place Elementary be congratulated and commended for their hard work and diligent efforts in achieving such a high standard of excellence and for receiving the 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 60 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Brownlee.

Senate Resolution No. 1871 was sponsored by Senators Brownlee, Lynn and Wilson.

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.*