

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1879

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Stacy Wade for being the Elementary Division winner of the 2007 Igniting Creative Energy Challenge.

WHEREAS, Stacy Nicole Wade, daughter of Ken and Lori Wade of Silver Lake, Kansas, is a 5th grader at Silver Lake Grade School; and

WHEREAS, With the help of her father Ken, Stacy has spent the last 5 years learning how to break down metal objects into recyclables, how to recycle plastics and has made mulch from leaves and other yard trash. The money Stacy receives from selling the metals is used to help build her college fund and the mulch she makes is shared with her neighbors in Silver Lake; and

WHEREAS, A few years ago, Stacy began keeping a fully photo-illustrated journal showing her recycling process and progress. In September 2006, Kansas State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins awarded Stacy with a \$2,500 check from Learning Quest. The award, from a contest called "Reuse, Recycle and Reduce" provided Stacy with a welcome addition to her college fund. Stacy was one of 20 finalists for the award and was the youngest winner in the group; and

WHEREAS, On March 30, 2007, Johnson Controls named Stacy the Elementary Division winner of the 2007 national Igniting Creative Energy Challenge. The Creative Energy Challenge is sponsored by Phillips Lighting Company and the United States Energy Association and is administered by the National Energy Foundation. The Competition challenged students from K-12 to express their ideas on energy conservation and the environment using their choice of media, from science projects to Web sites; and

WHEREAS, As her submission to the contest, Stacy created a scrapbook titled "Recipes for Recycling" in which she chronicled her efforts to recycle metal and mulch to save the environment and earn money for college. For being selected as the Elementary Division winner, Stacy received a hosted trip to Hawaii and will go to Washington, D.C. in June to share her Challenge entry with government and energy leaders. Stacy will also receive a prize package from the Phillips Lighting Company which, additionally, will donate a HeartStart Defibrillator to Silver Lake Grade School: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Stacy for being named the Elementary Division winner of the 2007 national Igniting Creative Energy Challenge. We recognize how vital it is to engage our youngest citizens in the efforts to reclaim, preserve and protect our precious natural resources. Therefore, we express our deep gratitude to Stacy and we applaud her commitment to the environment. We encourage her continued participation in recycling and wish her every success and happiness in the future; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to the Wade family by mailing them to: Stacy Wade and Family, 204 Center Dr., Silver Lake, KS 66539.

Senate Resolution No. 1879 was sponsored by Senators Laura Kelly and Stephen R. Morris.

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.