

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1810

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Moundridge High School debate team on becoming the 2009 3-2-1A Four Speaker Debate state champion.

WHEREAS, The Moundridge High School debate team is the 2009 Kansas State High School Activities Association class 3-2-1A four speaker debate state champion; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Moundridge High School debate team are Marike Stucky, Natalie Stucky, Katie Stevens, Kristyn Harpool, Tori Frisbee and Marcy Erb; and

WHEREAS, The team was well-coached throughout the season by head coach Mark Stucky; and

WHEREAS, On January 24, 2009, the team won the 3-2-1A state championship with thirteen wins and one loss at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Kristyn Harpool and Katie Stevens, with alternates Marcy Erb and Tori Frisbee, arguing in the affirmative, went undefeated in the tournament; and

WHEREAS, Marike Stucky and Natalie Stucky, arguing in the negative, finished the tournament with only one loss, the best negative-team record at the tournament; 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, under the guidance of coach Mark Stucky, the team has won nine more state championships, including a streak of five championships in a row; and

WHEREAS, The Moundridge High School debate and forensics program has enjoyed excellent support from the community and the Moundridge community is indebted to the Moundridge High School debate program for the leaders it has produced; 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 efforts of the 2009 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 four speaker debate state championship and for continuing a tradition of excellence in High School debate and that we congratulate and commend coach Stucky for the expert guidance he has given to this champion debate team; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1810 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.*