

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1829

A RESOLUTION congratulating and recognizing Katie Weil and Audrey Baker as recipients of the 2009 Horizon Award.

WHEREAS, Katie Weil and Audrey Baker are both recipients of the 2009 Horizon Award for first-year teachers; and

WHEREAS, The Horizon Award, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Education, recognizes exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, Katie Weil, a Spanish teacher at Gardner Edgerton High School, obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Pittsburg State University, where she maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was a member of the Honors College. While attending PSU, Katie earned numerous academic honors including a Kansas World Language Association VIP and a Meritorious Achievement in Spanish. She was also a member of the Kansas World Language Association and the Spanish National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Baker, a fifth grade teacher at Pioneer Ridge Middle School, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Kansas State University, along with an endorsement in English as a Second Language. While attending Kansas State, Audrey completed additional teacher training at several area elementary schools. Her academic honors include National Society of Collegiate Scholars Honor Society and the KSU Dean's List as well as being a Blue Key and Golden Key invitee; and

WHEREAS, Katie and Audrey were notified of their awards on January 7th, when each received a surprise telephone call from Kansas Commissioner of Education, Dr. Alexa Posny, who recognized them for their tireless work in their classrooms; and

WHEREAS, The teaching excellence and dedication that Katie Weil and Audrey Baker provide to their students makes them invaluable to the Gardner-Edgerton School District and Kansas as a whole: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize and congratulate Katie Weil and Audrey Baker for each receiving a Horizon Award and that we thank them for the excellent level of instruction they provide for their students; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1829 was sponsored by Senator Karin Brownlee.

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.*