

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1892

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Nicole Wayant.

WHEREAS, Nicole Wayant, a senior at Kansas State University, has received a Science and Mathematics Research for Transformation scholarship through the United States Department of Defense for graduate studies in geography, which includes payment of full tuition and employment placement in the department, and is the recipient of Kansas State's 2009 Presidential Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Student in Research for her work towards predicting disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Wayant, a 2005 graduate of Topeka's Seaman High School, and the daughter of Bruce and Dawn Wayant, will graduate from Kansas State in May 2009. In the fall, she will pursue a master's in geography at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln prior to going to work for the United States Army Corps of Engineers Topographic Engineering Center in Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Wayant is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, an undergraduate research assistant in Kansas State's Remote Sensing Research Laboratory and an undergraduate scholar with Kansas State's Integrated Research Center. She was the inaugural recipient of the Abraham Anson Memorial Scholarship from the American Society of Photogrammetric and Remote Sensing and was named an Anderson Outstanding Senior in Academics by the Kansas State Alumni Association. She also has served as an intern with United States Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense scholarship is designed to recruit civilian scientists and engineers to work for the department and is for students who demonstrate potential for a successful career in research and development. As the recipient of K-State's Presidential Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Student in Research, Wayant also will receive a \$1,000 award. The award was established to recognize outstanding individual contributions to the creation of new knowledge at Kansas State; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Wayant has been working on a project with Kansas State's Douglas Goodin, professor of geography and Diego Maldonado, assistant professor of mathematics. By linking vegetation with malaria, Wayant is developing a method to help determine when and where malaria outbreaks might occur. Nicole Wayant's analysis could have implications for the ability to predict malaria outbreaks before they happen; and

WHEREAS, Through her outstanding work and research, Nicole Wayant has demonstrated the attributes and dedication of a true leader and model Kansan: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Nicole Wayant for her outstanding academic achievements, for receiving such a prestigious scholarship and for her valuable contributions to scientific research; and

Be it further resolved: That we wish Nicole Wayant continued success in her scholastic endeavors and that we expect to hear of more accomplishments in her bright future; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Laura Kelly.

Senate Resolution No. 1892 was sponsored by Senator Laura Kelly.

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.