

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1871

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Olathe South High School girls basketball team for winning the 2010 Class 6A State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, The Olathe South High School girls basketball team won the 2010 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Basketball Championship with a 54-49 victory over Wichita Heights High School in the state championship game at White Auditorium in Emporia; and

WHEREAS, The Olathe South girls basketball team finished the season with a record of 24-1. Olathe South has a history of excellence in girls basketball, having won 10 Sunflower League championships, and finishing second in the state tournament in 2000, 2007 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, The members of the championship team are: Kelsey Balcom, Megan Balcom, Navia Palu, Ebonee Bell, Brooke Rinehart, Natalie Knight, Laura McKnight, Dani Burleson, Brittany Jacobson, Vickie Dolan, Alex Hugo and Riley White. The head coach is Steve Ingram and the assistant coaches are Mike Allen, Megan Grisell and Crystal Wittlinger; and

WHEREAS, Not only did the team win the championship, but Natalie Knight also won the Olathe News girls basketball player of the year for the second straight season, as well as earning the Kansas City Star's All-Metro girls player of the year award and the Greater Kansas City Basketball Coaches Association (GKCBCA) DiRenna Award, which awards the city's top player; and

WHEREAS, The GKCBCA also awarded Coach Ingram the Eddie Ryan Coaching Award, and the Kansas City Star awarded him the All-Metro girls basketball coach of the year. Coach Ingram has been coaching the Falcons for 21 years, and had 10 state tournament appearances and eight Sunflower League titles. He has had at least 21 wins six seasons in a row, and now has a state championship as well: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Olathe South High School girls basketball team and Coach Steve Ingram be congratulated for winning the 2010 Kansas High School Activities Association Class 6A State Basketball Championship. Their hard work and athleticism are points of pride for their families, school and the community of Olathe. We extend our best wishes for their continued success and happiness in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send 18 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Brownlee.

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

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.*