

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1879

A RESOLUTION congratulating Emma Smith for receiving the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Emma Smith was recently awarded the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship, a competitive federal scholarship awarded to college juniors who have interests in public service and demonstrate leadership skills. The scholarship is only awarded to 50-75 juniors in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, Emma Smith, who is a junior at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, is majoring in history with a concentration in war and peace studies and minoring in geography. Smith worked on her application for the Truman Scholarship for at least a year. The scholarship required an interview with a panel of judges, which included a federal judge and the president of the Truman Foundation, 10 written essays and a number of letters of recommendation; and

WHEREAS, One of the essays submitted by Emma Smith for the scholarship focused on the single problem she would like to solve in the world, as well as creating her own policy, which was then sent to an official in Washington, D.C. who could potentially make a difference. Smith sent her policy to Frank Wolf, who is the co-chairman of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, an organization composed of members of Congress who focus on raising awareness about international human rights issues; and

WHEREAS, Emma Smith is the national Sudan Education Coordinator for STAND, the student-led division of the organization United to End Genocide. She has also participated in study abroad programs, such as Semester at Sea, which led her to found Mercy's Dream Ministries, an organization that finds sponsors to match with children at an orphanage in Ghana to help them financially with school; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Dartmouth College in 2013, Emma Smith plans to attend the University of London with the help of the Truman Scholarship to earn a master's degree in law in human rights conflict and justice, as well as to study Arabic and French, which will be vital to her future advocacy work in Africa. After she completes the program, she hopes to be on the ground in Africa working in a community or refugee camp and focusing on advocacy and policy making; and

WHEREAS, Emma Smith will be living in Washington, D.C., this summer to work for the International Rescue Committee as a refugee employment intern. The following summer, Emma, as a Truman Scholar, will spend a week at William Jewell College for leadership training and one-on-one mentoring and networking; and

WHEREAS, With enthusiasm and determined purpose, Emma Smith, as a Harry S. Truman Scholarship recipient, should be proud of her accomplishments and eagerly anticipate future challenges: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Emma Smith, Harry S. Truman Scholarship recipient, for her outstanding academic achievements, hard work and future work and leadership in public service; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Apple.

Senate Resolution No. 1879 was sponsored by Senator Pat Apple.

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.*