

Journal of the Senate

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 10:30 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Jeff King.
The roll was called with thirty-nine members present.
Senator Hawk was excused.
Invocation by Father Don Davidson:

Merciful God, when the storms rage and threaten to overtake us, awaken our faith to know the power of your peace. Deliver us from our fear and ease our anxiety. Help us to endure the time of uncertainty and give us strength to face the challenges ahead. We pause this morning and pray for the people of Moore, Oklahoma. For those injured, for those who have lost their homes, and for all those who are responding to their manifold needs. Give them the assurance of your presence even in this time so that they can cling to your promise of hope and life shown to us in your holy name. Amen *modified from the Lutheran Book of Worship

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jeff King.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Ways and Means** recommends **HB 2145** be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "**Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2145**," as follows:

"Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2145
By Committee on Ways and Means

"AN ACT concerning the university of Kansas; relating to the medical student loan act; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 76-381 and repealing the existing section."; and the substitute bill be passed.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate recessed until 2:00 p.m.

The Senate met, pursuant to recess, with President Wagle in the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senator Haley introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:
SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1765—

A RESOLUTION congratulating Sumner Academy of Arts and Science
on being ranked the #1 academic high school in Kansas.

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy of Arts and Science has been ranked the "best high school" in Kansas, and the "most challenging high school" in the state; and

WHEREAS, These rankings were announced this week by two renowned ratings programs that measure how well high schools prepare students for college, and student performance on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate tests and state-mandated assessments, among other elements; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy's mission statement is: Sumner Academy of Arts and Science is an International Baccalaureate World School that creates a culture of global thinking, which serves students beyond the classroom by developing knowledgeable, inquiring and caring young people; and

WHEREAS, Sumner High School, which was founded in 1905, operated through the spring of 1978. Because of the success of many of its graduates, Sumner High School became known nationally as one of the premier high schools academically for African Americans. The school reopened in Fall of 1978 under the new name of Sumner Academy of Arts and Science; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy was admitted into the International Baccalaureate network in 1987. Juniors and seniors who participate in the IB program of studies develop essential thinking and communication skills as they engage in university-level coursework at the high school level; and

WHEREAS, *The Washington Post*, as part of its "America's Most Challenging High Schools," gave Sumner a 72.00 percent rating for equity and excellence, and ranked it number one in Kansas. Sumner has a 99 percent graduation rate and 69 percent of its graduates go on to attend four-year colleges. On a regional level, the *Washington Post* ranked Sumner #19 in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News and World Report*, as part of its 2013 Best High Schools rating system, named Sumner Academy the top-ranked high school in Kansas. In the nation, the school was ranked 64 out of 21,000 public high schools. These rankings are based on the number of advanced placement tests taken as well as student performance on these exams; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy of Arts and Science has provided over three decades of exemplary academic scholarship. The school continues the legacy that was known nationally and internationally as a premier academy for advanced academics and continues to stand as a model of academic excellence for all students in Kansas City, Kansas, the state of Kansas and the nation: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Sumner Academy of Arts and Science on these remarkable state and national rankings. The children of our state are our future, and we celebrate great education in Kansas; and

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

Guests introduced were David Smith, Chief of Staff, and Christian Foster, Vice Principle.

The Senators rose for a standing ovation.

On emergency motion of Senator Haley **SR 1765** was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday,

May 22, 2013.

HELEN MORELAND, ROSE MARIE GLATT, CHARLENE BAILEY, *Journal Clerks*.
DIANE MINEAR, *Secretary of the Senate*.

