

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1811

A RESOLUTION congratulating Olathe North High School Battle of the Brains winners.

WHEREAS, Olathe North High School Distinguished Scholars Science students won the Burns and McDonnell Battle of the Brains competition on November 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The students received \$50,000 in grant money to use for science education and the chance to build their winning exhibit proposal, Tapped Out, at Science City in Union Station, which is in Kansas City, Missouri. The Tapped Out exhibit highlights the impending water crisis by showcasing the chemistry of water, the history of its use and the urgency of conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Battle of the Brains helps bring education to life in a meaningful, relevant way. By participating, the competition empowers and inspires students to think big, challenges students' critical thinking skills with hands-on experiential learning and encourages confidence in an area that is vital to their future; and

WHEREAS, By competing, the Olathe North students had a chance to design and implement an exhibit with engineers, architects and construction managers as mentors; and

WHEREAS, Students on the winning team include: Carolyn Culp, Sabrina Graham, Nicholas Haug, Marisha Madhira, David Nelson, Akshay Prabhushankar, Jacob Ramsdell, Andrew Schaff, Kyle Stern, Juhi Thaman, Mark Vrablic, Cooper Yerby, Olivia Haney, Isabel Horosz, Griffin Karr, Triton Wolfe, Abigail Friesen, Conner Seacat, Roshan Bisarya, Christopher Fenton, Alex Johnson, Anna Johnson, Ty Lawson, Mikaela Moore, Rachel Mickey and Disha Dasgupta, who were all coached by teachers Amy Johnston and Rhonda Reist; and

WHEREAS, Olathe North also took home this honor in 2011 with their exhibit Unplugged, which opened at Science City in March of 2013: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate the Olathe North High School Distinguished Scholars Science students, their teacher-coaches and Principal David Morford for winning the 2013 Burns and McDonnell Battle of the Brains competition, from which the state of Kansas will see a lasting impression on students and educators. We wish the entire Olathe North High School continued success in the future; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1811 was sponsored by Senator Julia Lynn.

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.*