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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1744

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Tonganoxie High School Science Olympiad Team on winning its first state championship on April 4, 2015.

WHEREAS, Science Olympiad is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education, increasing male, female and minority interest in science, creating a technology-literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers. These goals are achieved by participating in Science Olympiad tournaments and non-competitive events, incorporating Science Olympiad into classroom curriculum and attending teacher training institutes; and

WHEREAS, The Tonganoxie High School Science Olympiad Team won the small school division of the state tournament held at Wichita State University on April 4, 2015, improving its performance over its 2014 second-place finish; and

WHEREAS, The team won eight first-place medals, three second-place medals and two third-place medals; and

WHEREAS, Grace Reilly and Danielle Irwin placed first in anatomy; Nick French and Sierra Staatz placed first in astronomy; Jack Crow and Garrett French placed first in compound machine; Joshua Lingo and Anahi Puebla placed first in forensics; Spencer Finkbiner, Grace Reilly and Sierra Staatz placed first in protein modeling; Nick French and Jack Crow placed first in air trajectory; Brad Andrews and Ethan Sandburg placed first in "it's about time"; and Joshua Lingo and Spencer Finkbiner placed first in cell biology; and

WHEREAS, Allison Williams and Sierra Staatz placed second in dynamic planet; Joshua Lingo and Nate Bothwell placed second in green generation; and Danielle Irwin, Monica Maurer and Allison Williams placed second in experimental design; and

WHEREAS, Brad Andrews and Jacob Tollefson placed third in bungee drop; and Brad Andrews and Garrett French placed third in fossils; and

WHEREAS, The entire team includes: Brad Andrews, Nathan Bothwell, Jack Crow, Makayla Dajani, Spencer Finkbiner, Garrett French, Nick French, Danielle Irwin, Joshua Lingo, Monica Maurer, Anahi Puebla, Grace Reilly, Sierra Staatz, Ethan Sandburg, Jacob Tollefson and Allison Williams; and

WHEREAS, The team coaches are Christine Biel and Tracey Waldeier, the high school principal is Mark Farrar and the superintendent is Lyn Rantz: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Tonganoxie High School Science Olympiad Team on winning its first state championship title; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 19 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Holland.

Senate Resolution No. 1744 was sponsored by Senator Tom Holland.

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.*