

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1794

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the
2016 Kansas Distinguished Financial Educator Award recipients.

WHEREAS, Seven Kansas high school teachers have been selected as Distinguished Financial Educators for the 2015-2016 school year based on their innovative teaching practices and use of online tools that measure, assess and certify students in the subject of personal finance; and

WHEREAS, These teachers have used innovative strategies to increase the reach of the Kansas Financial Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, These teachers have proven their dedication to improving the financial literacy of students in their community by consistently using the Kansas Financial Scholars Program, powered by EverFi, which is a resource recommended by the Consumer Personal Finance Protection Bureau for advancing financial education; and

WHEREAS, Financial literacy is recognized as a critical life skill, but is not a required course that students must take in order to graduate in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, EverFi-Financial Literacy is paid for through public-private partnerships between EverFi, community financial institutions, the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner and the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. The aforementioned partnerships provide unlimited licenses to districts without cost to the school district; and

WHEREAS, In the 2015-2016 school year, the Kansas Financial Scholars Program was widely adopted across the state by more than 360 teachers in more than 190 school districts; and

WHEREAS, These seven selected teachers have played an integral role in growing the participation rate in their schools for the benefit of the students, the communities and the surrounding regions; and

WHEREAS, The Distinguished Financial Educator Award provides public recognition to secondary school teachers who are furthering excellence in financial education by using best-in-class resources to teach the critical life skill of personal finance; and

WHEREAS, By announcing this award, we want to inform the public that these seven teachers have excelled in growing the financial knowledge base of their students and have done so in a way that measures gains in knowledge and assesses changes in attitudes and behavior: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Rane Case of Wellington High School, Randy Fox of Mulvane High School, David Gieber of Concordia High School, Gay Frazee of Marysville High School, Jane Lehning of Sublette High School, Julie Stegman of Dodge City High School and Patrick Truman of F.L. Schlagle High School for being selected as Distinguished Financial Educators for the 2015-2016 school year; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to each of the 2015-2016 Distinguished Financial Educators.

Senate Resolution No. 1794 was sponsored by Senators Abrams, Bowers, Haley, Kerschen, Love and Powell.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.