

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1705

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Coach Jeff Sims on a successful gridiron campaign during the 2016 season and for receiving multiple national coach of the year honors.

WHEREAS, Coach Sims was hired to be the head football coach at Garden City Community College on November 20, 2014, and led the team to a 3-8 season in his first year at the helm in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sims helped lead a team with a 3-8 season from the year prior, to a perfect 10-0 regular season record. As a result, the team was invited to play in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship in football, which the Broncbusters subsequently won to finish the season with an 11-0 record. This marks the first time in school history the team has finished the season with an unblemished record. The team earned its first Jayhawk Conference title since 2001 and the first football national championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sims became the first Jayhawk Conference head coach to be named the NJCAA Coach of the Year and was also the recipient of the 2016 American Community College Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year award, which is given to the top community college football coach in the country, regardless of which junior college organization the coach belongs to; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Coach Sims has focused not just on winning football games, but on developing grounded young men. This objective is encompassed in his philosophy of "graduate, scholarship and championship." Through this motto and by the way he lives his life, Coach Sims exemplifies what it means to be a leader of young men; and

WHEREAS, The love, support and encouragement of his wife, Lecia, and their three children, Dylan, Jake and Samantha, have helped Coach Sims every step of the way: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Coach Sims on a successful season and wish him the best of luck in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send three enrolled copies of this resolution to Coach Sims.

Senate Resolution No. 1705 was sponsored by Senator John Doll.

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.*