

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1734

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the
2017 Shawnee Heights High School boys basketball team.

WHEREAS, The Shawnee Heights High School boys basketball team won the 2017 Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Class 5A Championship with a 66-49 victory over Kansas City Schlagle High School in the finals of the 2017 Class 5A State Tournament in Topeka on March 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Thunderbirds entered the 2017 Class 5A State Tournament as the number four-seeded team and they won a thrilling 57-55 overtime game over the number one-seeded Goddard-Eisenhower team in the semifinals to reach the finals; and

WHEREAS, The Thunderbirds finished the season with a record of 22 wins and 3 losses, won their first boys basketball state championship since 2002 and their fifth boys basketball state championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, During the 2016-2017 season, in addition to winning the Class 5A State Championship, the Thunderbirds won the Ralph Miller Classic Tournament in Chanute, finished second place in the Centennial League and won their Class 5A Sub-State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Trey Brown was named to the 2017 All-State, Class 5A, All-Centennial League, All-City first teams, City Player of the Year by the Topeka Capital-Journal and was also named to the Class 5A first team by the Wichita Eagle; Poncho Freeman was named to the 2017 Class 5A second team, the All-Centennial League and All-City first teams by the Topeka Capital-Journal and was also given Class 5A honorable mention by the Wichita Eagle; Jesse Moss was named Class 5A, All-Centennial League honorable mention and to the All-City third team by the Topeka Capital-Journal; Michael Brooks was named Class 5A, All-Centennial League honorable mention, All-City third team by the Topeka Capital-Journal and Class 5A honorable mention by the Wichita Eagle; and Tyler Zentner was named Class 5A and All-City honorable mention by the Topeka Capital-Journal; and

WHEREAS, The Thunderbird's head coach, Steve Wallace, was named All-State and All-City Coach of the Year by the Topeka Capital-Journal and All-State Coach of the Year by the Wichita Eagle; and

WHEREAS, The members of this championship team were Trey Brown, Tyce Brown, Michael Brooks, Ben Buchanan, Grant Cooney, Poncho Freeman, Dane Grabauskas, Michael Hoffer, Jerome McFalls, Jesse Moss, Tyler White and Tyler Zentner. The head coach was Steve Wallace; the assistant coaches were Mike Nash, Matt Shulman and Jeni Daley; and the team managers were Hayli Daughtery and Sierra Jones; and

WHEREAS, The team received statewide recognition for their athletic abilities and fine sportsmanship. The success of this team was a result of their unselfish teamwork, competitive spirit and relentless defense. The team also had the enthusiastic support from the school's administrators, teachers and staff, fellow students, parents and the entire Shawnee Heights community: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Shawnee Heights High School boys basketball team and head coach Steve Wallace for winning the 2017 Kansas High School Activities Association Class 5A Championship; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 25 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Hensley.

Senate Resolution No. 1734 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.