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SB 3 - Proponent Testimony

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Goddard, Kansas**

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

It is my privilege to be here with a few of our 6th grade students from Challenger Intermediate School from the Goddard School District, and it is exciting to stand beside one of our outstanding teachers, Mr. Condray. We have witnessed great things from Mr. Condray's classroom, from leadership, empowerment, growth, to motivating through virtual speakers like Bill Snyder or Kendra Wecker. Mr. Condray's students always come first, even when it is not convenient, he still finds a way to help and make students stronger. His students would agree, Mr. Condray will not give up on a student no matter what. This also speaks to the culture of the building. At Challenger Intermediate we empower students to make decisions, to research areas of interest, and we trust each other. One student stated that his biggest takeaway from this year is that he needs to "allow others to have control." These students have amazing thoughts and ideas, and we need to develop those skills. One way that we have been successful is by being part of the process to name a State Dinosaur. When the world is made up of a set of opportunities, some we take, some we leave, we are setting up a path to success. This Dinosaur is one of those opportunities that Mr. Condray provided for his students. They will never forget this visit to the capital and all of the learning opportunities you have provided us today. Our motto at Challenger is "Be A Part Of It." Today, everyone here is helping to provide an opportunity for our students, so Thank You for being a part of it!