

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1765

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2016 Kansas Horizon Award Program educators.

WHEREAS, Thirty-two beginning educators from across the state have been named as Kansas Horizon Award Program educators; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Horizon Award Program, sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education and Capitol Federal, identifies and recognizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. The mission of the Kansas Horizon Award Program is to recognize exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Horizon Award Program, currently in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, allows all school districts in the state an opportunity to nominate one elementary and one secondary teacher for the award. To be eligible for the program, teachers must have successfully completed their first year of teaching and performed in such a way as to distinguish themselves as outstanding. The Kansas Horizon Award Program is a regional competition of four regions corresponding to the United States congressional districts of Kansas. Four elementary and four secondary classroom teachers may be selected for the award from each district; and

WHEREAS, This year's recipients are: Region 1: Karisa Cowan, Hoisington Middle School, USD 431 Hoisington; Manuel Estrada Espinoza, Walnut Elementary School, USD 253 Emporia; Aspen Frey, Lincoln Elementary School, USD 418 McPherson; Amalea Peters, Clay Center Middle School, USD 379 Clay Center; Alissa Miller, Emporia Middle School, USD 253 Emporia; Andrew Potts, Kenneth Henderson Middle School, USD 457 Garden City; Allie Ronnebaum, Fort Riley Middle School, USD 475 Geary County; Chelsea Willems, Ware Elementary School, USD 475 Geary County; and

Region 2: Barbara Atkins, Robinson Middle School, USD 501 Topeka; Jordan Boyd, Lawrence Free State High School, USD 497 Lawrence; Frances Caudill, Schwegler Elementary School, USD 497 Lawrence; Kara Douglas, Glenwood Ridge Elementary School, USD 458 Basehor-Linwood; Madison Hunter, Galesburg Middle School, USD 101 Erie-Galesburg; Sarah Johnson, Baldwin Junior High School, USD 348 Baldwin; Lara McDonald, Washburn Rural Middle School, USD 437 Auburn-Washburn; Samantha McHenry, Shawnee Heights Elementary School, USD 450 Shawnee Heights; and

Region 3: Lauren Brown, Heatherstone Elementary School, USD 233 Olathe; Jocelyn Cummings, Mission Trail Middle School, USD 233 Olathe; Stefanie Hagemann, Prairie Star Elementary School, USD 229 Blue Valley; Andrew Hulse, Blue Valley High School, USD 299 Blue Valley; Brett Mach, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, USD 512 Shawnee Mission; Hannah Ozier, Wolf Creek Elementary School, USD 230 Spring Hill; Katie Sutton, Oak Park-Carpenter Elementary School, USD 512 Shawnee Mission; Taylore Weitner, Mill Creek Middle School, USD 232 De Soto; and

Region 4: Daniel Heath, Derby North Middle School, USD 260 Derby; Molly Kretzer, Andale High School, USD 267 Renwick; Tiffany Lippoldt, Skelly Elementary School, USD 490 El Dorado; Kelly McMains, Prairie Creek Elementary School, USD 385 Andover; Andrea Pope, Griffith Elementary School, USD 259 Wichita; Kaitlyn Salazar, Hamilton Middle School, USD 259 Wichita; Jenny Waugh, Circle Oil Hill Elementary School, USD 375 Circle; Eric Weinbrenner, Complete High School Maize, USD 266 Maize: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the 2016 Kansas Horizon Award Program educators for outstanding performance in their chosen career; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 32 enrolled copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to each educator so honored, plus one copy to the Commissioner of Education.

Senate Resolution No. 1765 was sponsored by Senator Steve E. Abrams.

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.*