

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1795

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Alexis Tibbits on receiving a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Alexis Tibbits, from Topeka High School, has been selected as a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholar; and

WHEREAS, The Gates Millennium Scholars Program was established in 1999 to promote academic excellence and to provide opportunities for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious program selects only 1,000 exceptional students per year nationwide to receive a full scholarship covering the cost of tuition, fees, books and living expenses at a college or university of the student's choice and offers students leadership development, mentoring and academic and social support; and

WHEREAS, To qualify for the program, students must receive endorsements from an educator and a community member, hold a minimum grade point average of 3.3 and demonstrate leadership through community service or extracurricular or other activities; and

WHEREAS, Alexis Tibbits, who is a descendant of Shirley Hodison, a plaintiff in the landmark *Brown v. Board* case on equal access to education, will be the first person in her family to attend college; and

WHEREAS, Alexis Tibbits aspires to become a physician and plans to complement her pre-medical coursework with Spanish studies so she can go on mission trips to developing countries and other places in need of healthcare: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Alexis Tibbits on receiving a 2016 Gates Millennium Scholarship. Alexis has exemplified academic excellence and leadership, and we wish her all the best for continued success in future academic, personal and career challenges and opportunities; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Kelly.

Senate Resolution No. 1795 was sponsored by Senator Laura Kelly.

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.*