

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1877

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the
Leavenworth High School Girls' Powerlifting Team.

WHEREAS, For the second year in a row, the Leavenworth High School Girls' Powerlifting Team claimed the Natural Athlete Strength Association High School Powerlifting 2012 National Championship. All members of the team performed with the highest level of excellence throughout the 2012 season and each Leavenworth High School Pioneer on the team deserves recognition for her vital contribution to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, The squad took home national titles in Unequipped Powerlifting (a competition comprised of squat, bench press and deadlift), Junior/Senior Unequipped Powerlifting, and Power Press (made of a total of power clean and bench press). The Freshman/Sophomore girls' team also took home a runner-up award in their division; and

WHEREAS, The Leavenworth High School Girls' Powerlifting Team showed their dominance of the meet by having 13 girls compete, with 12 of the team's lifters achieving second place or higher in all events entered; and

WHEREAS, In the 114-pound weight class, freshman Hannah Overbey won a national championship in Unequipped Powerlifting for the Freshman/Sophomore division, an Overall Best Lifter award and 2nd place in Power Press. Teammate Maggie Lee repeated as national champion in both the Power Clean/Bench Press and Unequipped Powerlifting events. Maggie Lee was also deemed the Overall Best Lifter in Power Press; and

WHEREAS, In the 123-pound weight class, senior Lauren Patelli led the way in Power Press, an event contested by all high school weight classes for females, recording an American record 65 kg (143 lb) clean and 45 kg (99 lb) bench press. Patelli also took 2nd place in Junior/Senior Powerlifting. Tabitha Larkin took 1st place in Junior/Senior Powerlifting and 3rd place in Power Press. Larkin also posted an American record squat with a 97.5 kg (214.5 lb) effort; and

WHEREAS, Sophomore Laura Payne took 2nd place in Power Press to fill the medal stand with Pioneer blue in that event, and also took 1st place in Freshman/Sophomore Unequipped Powerlifting. In the 132-pound weight class, senior Janay Johnson finished her Leavenworth powerlifting career by repeating as national champion in both events, hoisting for American records in every lift and earning Overall Best Lifter for Power Press and Outstanding Lifter for all classes. The two awards make for a total of seven Best Lifter trophies earned by Johnson during the 2012 calendar year, a feat that would be difficult to match by any competitive lifter of any age; and

WHEREAS, In the 148-pound weight class, junior Lacie Thornton repeated as national champion in both events, followed by sophomore Amelia Cribb in Power Press, who also took 2nd place in Freshman/Sophomore Powerlifting. Thornton also broke an American record in Power Press on the strength of her personal record of 65 kg (143 lb) clean and 52.5 kg (115.5 lb) bench press. The 165-pound weight class saw Alyssa Rivera return to Oklahoma City after missing out on the medal stand in 2011 to turn in a 2nd place performance in Unequipped Powerlifting; and

WHEREAS, In the 181-pound weight class, Hunter Anne Postier came in 2nd place for Unequipped Powerlifting and Overall Best Lifter in powerlifting. Postier also posted American records in Power Press, in clean 80 kg (176 lb) and bench press 62.5 kg (137.5 lb); and

WHEREAS, Freshman Jasmine Swanagan took 4th in Power Press, followed by senior Maddy Minchew to once again saturate the medal stand in Leavenworth's royal blue. Swanagan also took 2nd place in Freshman/Sophomore Powerlifting, while Minchew took a Junior/Senior 4th place. Emily Ruble competed for the Pioneers in the 198-pound weight class, taking home national championships in both events once again; and

WHEREAS, The Leavenworth High School Girls' Powerlifting Team has brought great pride to their school, school district, community, friends and families in demonstrating self-discipline, efficiency and tenacity throughout the 2012 season; and

WHEREAS, The amazing accomplishments of the Leavenworth High School Girls' Powerlifting Team could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of Coach Daniel Capps: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we hereby congratulate and commend the Leavenworth High School Girls' Powerlifting Team upon winning the 2012 Natural Athlete Strength Association High School Powerlifting National Championship and extend best wishes to the squad, coaches and everyone involved with the fine powerlifting program as they celebrate their exceptional season and prepare for continued success in the future; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Kultala.

Senate Resolution No. 1877 was sponsored by Senators Kelly Kultala and Tom Holland.

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.