

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6033

A RESOLUTION congratulating Sumner Academy of Arts and Science on being ranked the #1 academic high school in Kansas.

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy of Arts and Science has been ranked the “best high school” in Kansas, and the “most challenging high school” in the state; and

WHEREAS, These rankings were announced this week by two renowned ratings programs that measure how well high schools prepare students for college, and student performance on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate tests and state-mandated assessments, among other elements; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy’s mission statement is: Sumner Academy of Arts and Science is an International Baccalaureate World School that creates a culture of global thinking, which serves students beyond the classroom by developing knowledgeable, inquiring and caring young people; and

WHEREAS, Sumner High School, which was founded in 1905, operated through the spring of 1978. Because of the success of many of its graduates, Sumner High School became known nationally as one of the premier high schools academically for African Americans. The school reopened in Fall of 1978 under the new name of Sumner Academy of Arts and Science; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy was admitted into the International Baccalaureate network in 1987. Juniors and seniors who participate in the IB program of studies develop essential thinking and communication skills as they engage in university-level coursework at the high school level; and

WHEREAS, The *Washington Post*, as part of its “America’s Most Challenging High Schools,” gave Sumner a 72.00 percent rating for equity and excellence, and ranked it number one in Kansas. Sumner has a 99 percent graduation rate and 69 percent of its graduates go on to attend four-year colleges. On a regional level, the *Washington Post* ranked Sumner #19 in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News and World Report*, as part of its 2013 Best High Schools rating system, named Sumner Academy the top-ranked high school in Kansas. In the nation, the school was ranked 64 out of 21,000 public high schools. These rankings are based on the number of advanced placement tests taken as well as student performance on these exams; and

WHEREAS, Sumner Academy of Arts and Science has provided over three decades of exemplary academic scholarship. The school continues the legacy that was known nationally and internationally as a premier academy for advanced academics and continues to stand as a model of academic excellence for all students in Kansas City, Kansas, the state of Kansas and the nation: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Sumner Academy of Arts and Science on these remarkable state and national rankings. The children of our state are our future, and we celebrate great education in Kansas.

House Resolution No. 6033 was sponsored by Representative Valdenia Winn.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.