

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1721

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Shawnee Mission East High School debate team on its 6A state championship.

WHEREAS, The Shawnee Mission East High School debate team was named the four-speaker state champion at the class 6A State Debate Tournament in early January 2013; and

WHEREAS, This is the first state debate championship the Shawnee Mission East High School debate team has won, and they had an 11-5 record in state competition; and

WHEREAS, The members of the four-speaker team were Ali Dastjerdi, Erika Levy, Shrushti Mehta, Taylor Thompson, Henry Walter and Karl Walter; and

WHEREAS, The team's coach, Trey Whitt, has worked diligently with the team all year to enhance the team's skills and prepare them through the debate season and into the tournament; and

WHEREAS, The resolution for this year's high school debate season was "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States"; and

WHEREAS, Debating relevant and timely topics helps high school students gain an appreciation for current events and the ability to see an important issue from both sides: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate the Shawnee Mission East High School debate team on its class 6A state four-speaker debate championship. This is a great accomplishment for the debate team and Shawnee Mission East High School; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide eight enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Wolf.

Senate Resolution No. 1721 was sponsored by Senator Kay Wolf.

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.