

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1769

A Resolution recognizing the success of the STARBASE program in Kansas.

WHEREAS, The STARBASE program started in 1989 in response to deficiencies and shortfalls in math and science education. Originally, Project STARS was a one-week summer program linking the military and local educational systems where 4th, 5th and 6th graders would learn math and science through hands-on activity; and

WHEREAS, The response to this pilot program was exceptionally positive, and in 1993 Department of Defense funds were made available to start a school-year program, formally launching the STARBASE program. Kansas was one of seven original states to receive funding for the STARBASE program; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas STARBASE program is the largest in the United States with five locations in Wichita, Topeka, Salina, Manhattan and Kansas City. The program has teamed up with western Kansas community colleges and universities to ensure all students have access to this exceptional and unique program; and

WHEREAS, STARBASE has worked with over 50,000 Kansas students to increase their knowledge and create an interest in the areas of math, science, engineering and technology. Along with the academic focus, STARBASE also works to instill a sense of pride and personal accomplishment in the students who have attended the academy. When asked about their experience at STARBASE, 96% of students said STARBASE made learning fun, and 91% said they would like to go back to STARBASE; and

WHEREAS, The success of the STARBASE program is due to the great relationship between the military and local schools as the result of the Department of Defense's management of the program: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the success the STARBASE program has seen in Kansas. The STARBASE program has had a significant impact on Kansas students, and we hope to see continued success of the program; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1769 was sponsored by Senator Elaine S. Bowers.

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.*