

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1746

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2024 Kansas Master Teachers.

WHEREAS, Seven of Kansas' best teachers have been selected as Kansas Master Teachers for 2024; and

WHEREAS, Local teacher associations, educational organizations and school faculties nominate candidates for the awards. A committee representing educational organizations from across Kansas selected the 2024 winners; and

WHEREAS, The 2024 Kansas Master Teachers are Bre McGranahan, an intensive resource teacher at Stanley Elementary in Blue Valley, USD 229; Erica Threatt, a K-5 instructional coach at Meadowlark Elementary in Liberal, USD 480; Jennifer Fallin, an instructional coach at Washington Elementary in Geary County, USD 475; Jessica Brown, a first grade AVID teacher at Sunflower Elementary School in Lawrence, USD 497; Jessica Buchanan, an engineering teacher at Maize Middle School in Maize, USD 266; Lindsey Dowell, a 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade gifted facilitator at Washburn Rural Middle School in Topeka, USD 437; and Sara Hoffman, a second grade teacher at Canyon Creek Elementary School in Olathe, USD 233; and

WHEREAS, Emporia State University established the Kansas Master Teacher Awards in 1953; and

WHEREAS, The awards are presented annually to teachers who have long served the profession and exemplify the outstanding qualities of earnest and conscientious teachers; and

WHEREAS, Since 1980, Bank of America has pledged more than \$100,000 to permanently endow the Kansas Master Teacher Awards; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, the Black family of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, established an endowed chair for Kansas Master Teachers; and

WHEREAS, The fund provides a stipend to bring two Master Teachers to Emporia State University for a portion of a semester to provide presentations to classes of education students; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Kansas recognize the invaluable contributions of great teachers such as those being honored today; and

WHEREAS, These 2024 Master Teachers serve as mentors and role models and lay the groundwork for the best educators of tomorrow. They go above and beyond what is expected and offer inspiration, as well as instruction. They teach with heart and soul, and by giving the best of themselves, they encourage students to give their best in return: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the 2024 Kansas Master Teachers for demonstrating excellence in their profession and devotion to the children of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we offer our heartfelt thanks to those extraordinary educators who face so many challenges in the classroom each day, yet persevere, choosing the satisfaction of doing their best and overcoming the frustrations inherent in their job, and we extend our best wishes for their continued success and happiness; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send seven enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Longbine.

Senate Resolution No. 1746 was sponsored by Senator Jeff Longbine.

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.*