

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1727**

**A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the members of  
the 2022 Kansas Teacher of the Year team.**

**WHEREAS, The Kansas State Department of Education sponsors the Kansas Teacher of the Year program, which identifies, recognizes and utilizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state; and**

**WHEREAS, The mission of the program is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance and the teaching profession; and**

**WHEREAS, Two teachers, one elementary and one secondary, in each of the state's four United States congressional districts were selected as finalists for recognition as Kansas Teacher of the Year, with the recipient of the award chosen from among the eight finalists; and**

**WHEREAS, The Kansas Teacher of the Year is awarded with the Hubbard Foundation Kansas Teacher of the Year Ambassadorship, which enables the person selected to devote significant time during the second semester to activities supporting the mission of the program. The 2022 Kansas Teacher of the Year and the finalists will be honored at an awards banquet on September 25, 2022. All members will receive a cash award as well as mementos of the event; and**

**WHEREAS, The Kansas Teacher of the Year is nominated to represent Kansas in the National Teacher of the Year program, a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers, presented by Voya Financial; and**

**WHEREAS, The 2022 Kansas Teacher of the Year is Susanne L. Stevenson, Dodge City USD 443; and the regional finalists are: Amber R. Carithers, Hutchinson USD 308; Natalie R. Johnson-Berry, Shawnee Mission USD 512; Amanda Ketterling, Bonner Springs USD 204; Lisa E. Martinez, Seaman USD 345; Megan L. O'Neill, Ottawa USD 290; Kristin Salazar, Goddard USD 265; Laurie Thisius, Cheney USD 268: Now, therefore,**

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the members of the 2022 Kansas Teacher of the Year team; and**

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

**Senate Resolution No. 1727 was sponsored by the Committee on Education.**

**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.