

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____

By Senators Taddiken and Morris

A RESOLUTION congratulating Jordy Nelson on his success in Super Bowl XLV.

WHEREAS, Jordy Nelson was born to parents Alan and Kim Nelson on May 31, 1985 in Leonardville, Kansas, population 900; and

WHEREAS, Jordy took to football and excelled as quarterback under coach Steve Wagner for Riley County High School, where he was named Flint Hills Player of the Year in his senior year; and

WHEREAS, Jordy began his collegiate football career as a walk-on for the Kansas State Wildcats in 2003; and

WHEREAS, After impressing coach Bill Snyder in spring workouts with his dynamic speed, Jordy moved from defensive back to wide receiver, where he excelled in his sophomore season; and

WHEREAS, Jordy began catching the eye of NFL scouts during his outstanding senior campaign in which he was a consensus All-American and a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award for the nation's best receiver, while catching 122 passes for 1,606 yards and 11 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Jordy was drafted in the second round of the 2008 draft by the Green Bay Packers, where he served admirably, catching a combined 55 passes for 686 yards and four touchdowns during his first two seasons; and

WHEREAS, Jordy had a career year in 2010, catching 45 passes for 582 yards, but saved the best performance of his career for a worldwide audience; and

WHEREAS, Jordy exploded for 140 yards on nine receptions and the first touchdown of the Super Bowl, all against a formidable Steelers' secondary, while proving the most reliable target for quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we gratefully acknowledge Jordy's parents, siblings, coaches and teachers who encouraged him, challenged him and helped him develop

his skills, confidence, humility and Kansas determination; attributes which have helped him to achieve success at the high school, college and national levels and to be a good husband to Emily and a sterling example for his one-year-old son, Royal; and

Be it further resolved: That we do hereby congratulate and proudly recognize Jordy Ray Nelson for his outstanding achievements in Super Bowl XLV and for being a superb ambassador for Kansas State University and the state as a whole on football's biggest stage; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Taddiken's office.