

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1868

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Louisburg High School football team for winning the 2010 Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, The Louisburg High School football team won the 2010 Class 4A state championship with a 24-16 victory over Holton High School on November 27, 2010, at Salina; and

WHEREAS, The Louisburg Wildcats scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to break a 10-10 tie and racked up 24 consecutive points in their comeback over Holton; and

WHEREAS, The victory in the state championship game capped off a perfect 14-0 season for Louisburg. The Wildcats never trailed during the season until the first half of the state championship game. The team set a goal of a perfect season at the beginning of the year and achieved it through countless hours of training and practice; and

WHEREAS, The Wildcats reached the state championship game with a dominating 28-7 Sub-State victory over their cross-county rival Paola; and

WHEREAS, The state title was the biggest win in the program's storied history. Louisburg football has not had a losing season since 1989, but the program had never before been able to bring home the state crown. The 2010 Wildcats were finally able to silence all the critics who said that Louisburg couldn't win the big game; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Gary Griffin was named the 2010 Kansas Football Coach of the Year by the Kansas Football Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, Defensive lineman Tyler Ewy was named the 2010 Bobby Bell Award Winner, which is given to the top small-school lineman/linebacker in the Kansas City metro area. He was also named to the Topeka Capital-Journal and Wichita Eagle Top 11 in 2010 and was named to the Class 4A All-State team. Tyler will represent the East Team in the 2011 Kansas Shrine Bowl and will continue his football career at Washburn University; and

WHEREAS, Four Louisburg seniors were selected to play in the Metro All Star Game: Tyler Ewy, along with fullback Alex Gentges, guard Ross Dvorak and quarterback/defensive back Kody Cook. Ross Dvorak and Kody Cook were also named to the Class 4A All-State team. Ross will play college football at Northeastern State University and Kody and Alex both signed to play for Hutchinson Community College. All four were leaders of a senior class that compiled a record of 45-7 during their four seasons; and

WHEREAS, The team could not have achieved its goals without the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, faculty and students, the players' parents and members of the Louisburg community: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Louisburg Wildcats and Head Coach Gary Griffin for winning the 2010 Class 4A state football championship. The Wildcats exemplify what dedication, determination and team work can accomplish. We wish all the team members and coaches continued success and happiness in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 30 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Apple.

Senate Resolution No. 1868 was sponsored by Senator Apple.

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.*