

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1808

A RESOLUTION congratulating Shawnee Mission North High School's
Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

WHEREAS, The Shawnee Mission North High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program is nationally recognized as one of the top five programs in the entire nation. The focus of the program is to develop students' essential life skills, such as selflessness, commitment, responsibility, accountability, leadership and self-discipline. Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program is one of 630 NJROTC programs in the United States. Currently, 152 students ranging from freshmen to seniors participate in Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program; and

WHEREAS, Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program has been one of 25 teams from around the United States selected to participate in the NJROTC national competition for the past six years. Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program was selected to participate in the 2006 national competition and finished 25th overall. In 2007, Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program earned first for armed exhibition drill, received the award for overall drill champion and finished fifth overall at nationals. In 2008, the program earned first in color guard, first in armed regulation drill and finished seventh overall in the national competition. During the 2009 national competition, the program received first for color guard, armed regulation drill, armed exhibition drill and sit-ups, was named national drill champions and finished third overall. The program received the same awards during the 2010 national competition and placed second overall; and

WHEREAS, Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program finished fifth overall at the 2011 national competition, earning first in color guard, armed regulation drill, sit-ups and push-ups; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Dennis Grayless and Chief Petty Officer Christopher Neven are the coaches for the excellent and accomplished Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program. Both Chief Warrant Officer Grayless and Chief Petty Officer Neven serve as dedicated role models that provide guidance and leadership to the future military officers of the Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program; and

WHEREAS, The cadets representing Shawnee Mission North High School's NJROTC program during the 2011 NJROTC Nationals were: Cadet Noe Alvarez, Cadet Jonathan Altamirano, Cadet Chris Dyche, Cadet Mark Byrd, Cadet Jack Currie, Cadet AJ Reek, Cadet Dylan Rogers, Cadet Luis Gomez, Cadet Sada Kernodle, Cadet Aoifa Mooney, Cadet Sadee Whitaker, Cadet Andrew Nelson, Cadet Daran Wankum, Cadet Jordan Yearsley, Cadet Carlos Nieto, Cadet Angel Guitierrez, Cadet Jesse Patterson, Cadet Ben Muller, Cadet Alex Theissen, Cadet Emily Stava, Cadet Alexis Beck, Cadet Miranda Taylor, Cadet Sabrina Gragg, Cadet Michaela Krzesinski, Cadet Schecania Morinville, Cadet Kylie Wilcox, Cadet Henry Bell, Cadet Jake Buchanan, Cadet Erin Bridges, Cadet Josh Humphrey, Cadet Tyler Hagan, Cadet Mac Bruce, Cadet Autumn Coleman, Cadet Sam Remick, Cadet Anna Whitaker, Cadet Kaitlyn Tieman, Cadet Cody Cress, Cadet Jenny Earnest, Cadet Jacob McDermott and Cadet Conor Mooney: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Shawnee Mission North High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program and recognize that such program has earned a reputation of excellence within the state of Kansas; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1808 was sponsored by Senator Terrie Huntington.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.