

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____

By Senator Abrams

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kansas recipient of the 2012 Milken Family Foundation Educator Award.

WHEREAS, Michael Berndt, third grade teacher at Prairie Center Elementary School, Olathe USD 233, has been selected as the Kansas recipient of the 2012 Milken Family Foundation Educator Award. He will receive an unrestricted award of \$25,000 plus recognition by his community, school and peers; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Educator Awards program was established by the Milken Family Foundation in 1985 and the first awards were presented in 1987; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Family Foundation Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial awards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other educational professionals who are furthering excellence in education. By honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, retain and motivate talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Educator Awards are announced each fall at surprise notifications held in all-school assemblies. Foundation representatives and the chief state school officer make the announcements. Michael Berndt was one of up to 40 educators around the country recognized with the award this year. By publicizing these awards our communities are reminded of the crucial, positive impact of educators. Furthermore, it is hoped these awards will attract the attention of those who might consider teaching as a rewarding career choice: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Michael Berndt upon his selection as the Kansas recipient of the 2012 Milken Family Foundation Educator Award; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to the 2012 Milken Educator.