

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1791

A RESOLUTION congratulating Mission Trail Elementary School on receiving the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon award.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon program honors exemplary elementary and secondary schools and sets a standard of excellence for all schools striving for the highest level of achievement; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon program has been honoring schools since 1982, and only 286 schools, including Mission Trail Elementary School, received this prestigious award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mission Trail Elementary School is dedicated to providing an "Education Beyond Expectations," which has been the driving force for the increase in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of Mission Trail Elementary School, including Principal Debbie Bond, not only articulate a vision of excellence and hold everyone to high standards, but they also stay close to the real action of teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, The entire school community embodies a sense of collegiality and commitment, and members are supported by mentoring and professional development; and

WHEREAS, Families and educators work together in partnership; and

WHEREAS, Mission Trail Elementary School's commitment is to be a school where every student is expected to excel and every adult is expected to inspire, encourage and facilitate the learning of every child; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education recognized Mission Trail Elementary School as an "Exemplary High Performing" school because the school is one of Kansas' highest performing schools, as measured by state assessments and nationally-normed tests; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon honor is a recognition and affirmation of Mission Trail Elementary School's journey to personalize student learning: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Mission Trail Elementary School on receiving the Blue Ribbon award from the U.S. Department of Education and being one of Kansas' highest performing schools; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Melcher and Debbie Bond, Principal of Mission Trail Elementary School.

Senate Resolution No. 1791 was sponsored by Senator Jeff Melcher.

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.