

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1823

A RESOLUTION commending J.C. Harmon High School juniors and seniors for their participation in the 20/20 Leadership Program.

WHEREAS, The 20/20 Leadership Program began in 1993 with 36 students. In 2002, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and the Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids program provided grants to expand the program into 10 other school districts; and

WHEREAS, The 20/20 Leadership Program was created in order for students to learn about their communities and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area and helps break down social, racial, economic, academic and geographic barriers. The students receive 180 educational hours over the course of the 18-month program and the program has over 6,000 alumni; and

WHEREAS, Two \$500 scholarships are provided to graduating seniors by 20/20 Leadership alumni, and participants have contributed more than 9,000 volunteer hours to their communities. In addition, five seniors are selected annually to each receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the Kansas City Royals and Major League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, Juniors and seniors at J.C. Harmon High School led the project for the 20/20 Leadership Program, which is known as the Harmon Hub. The Harmon Hub will consist of a half mile trail, an outdoor classroom, a spirit walk, berms, seating and markers, exercise stations and student gardens. The purpose of the Harmon Hub is to focus on health, school attendance, improvement of test scores and reduction of school suspensions; and

WHEREAS, A core group of students has been meeting with architects, engineers and construction contractors along with school district and other government leaders and health experts to get the Harmon Hub project underway. The students have already raised about one-tenth of their \$900,000 budget in order to get the first phase of the project underway; and

WHEREAS, Juniors and seniors who participate in the 20/20 Leadership Program at J.C. Harmon High School are leaders as they address significant challenges in their school and community. The values they learn in the program will allow them to be successful after graduation: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we commend J.C. Harmon High School juniors and seniors for their participation in the 20/20 Leadership Program and we wish them success in their completion of the Harmon Hub fitness trail project; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1823 was sponsored by Senator Pat Pettey.

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.*