

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1713**

**A RESOLUTION honoring Washburn Rural high school for being named  
the 2018 National Performing Arts School of Excellence.**

**WHEREAS, On September 17, 2018, Washburn Rural high school was announced as the recipient of the highly prestigious National Performing Arts School of Excellence Award. Washburn Rural was selected by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), in conjunction with the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA); and**

**WHEREAS, On September 28, 2018, Dr. James Weaver, director of performing arts and sports for NFHS, presented the award to Washburn Rural principal, Ed Raines, and the school's performing arts staff; and**

**WHEREAS, Annually, the National Performing Arts School of Excellence Award is presented to one high school, nationwide, in conjunction with National High School Activities Month. To be considered, a school must demonstrate exceptional accomplishment in performing arts over a five-year period. Washburn Rural is the third school to receive such recognition since the award's inception in 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, Washburn Rural is described as having one of Kansas' most successful performing arts programs, and it was selected for national recognition following its recent successes in speech, debate, music and theater. In each of the last two years, the school finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the KSHSAA state speech competition and 1<sup>st</sup> in the four-speaker state debate tournament. The school also received Superior 1 ratings in music competition in band in each of the last four years and in choir and orchestra in each of the last five years; and**

**WHEREAS, A fine arts curriculum is an important aspect of a child's education and deserves to be recognized as such: Now, therefore,**

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor Washburn Rural high school for being named the 2018 National Performing Arts School of Excellence. We applaud Washburn Rural students and staff for their success in the fine arts and wish them continued achievement and happiness in the future; and**

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

**Senate Resolution No. 1713 was sponsored by Senators Rucker, Berger, Givens and Miller.**

**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.*