

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1718

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2019 Businesses of the Year.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Kansas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a member of America's SBDC, is to increase economic prosperity in Kansas by helping entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow their businesses through professional consulting and training and the identification of appropriate resources; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, the Kansas SBDC regional directors and staff selected eight Emerging Businesses of the Year award recipients and eight Existing Businesses of the Year award recipients; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas SBDC's Business of the Year awards recognize Kansas SBDC clients for superior performance; and

WHEREAS, The Business of the Year award recipients have achieved major accomplishments, overcome significant obstacles, demonstrated good corporate citizenship through community contributions, and shown growth and made a positive economic impact in Kansas, based on a record of profitability and on the Kansas SBDC Economic Impact Tracking spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, The 2019 Kansas SBDC Emerging Businesses of the Year are: ArtForms Gallery in Pittsburg, owned by Sue Horner, Janet Lewis, Ruth Miller and Sylvia Shirley; Ellen Plumb's City Bookstore in Emporia, owned by Marcia Lawrence; Gravity Wellness Center in Garden City, owned by Kristi Schmitt; Leeway Franks in Lawrence, owned by Lee and K. Meisel; Lost Creek German Shepherds in Clayton, owned by Taylor and John Meitl; Norsemen Brewing Company in Topeka, owned by Jared and Emily Rudy and Adam and Melissa Rosdahl; Safely Delicious in Overland Park, owned by Lisa Ragan; and Triple Threat Ag Services in Conway Springs, owned by Aaron, Allen, Paul and Phillip Lange; and

WHEREAS, The 2019 Kansas SBDC Existing Businesses of the Year are: Angela's Wellness Center, LLC in Elkhart, owned by Angela Willey; Bolling's Meat Market & Deli in Iola, owned by Cara Bolling Thomas; Dod Installations in Wichita, owned by Wilt and Tina Dod; Floyd's Inc. in Emporia, owned by John and Ruth Wheeler; Good Energy Solutions in Lawrence, owned by Kevin Good; LaCrosse Furniture Co. in LaCrosse, employee-owned; The Winged Lion in Manhattan, owned by Ralph Diaz; and Wolcott Foods in Kansas City, owned by Ron Tilman; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas SBDC Businesses of the Year serve as examples of the success that the Kansas SBDC and small business owners across Kansas can achieve: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2019 Businesses of the Year. We wish them all, the Kansas SBDC, and America's SBDC continued success in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 20 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Holland.

Senate Resolution No. 1718 was sponsored by Senators Holland, Billinger, Braun, Doll, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Goddard, Haley, Hawk, Hilderbrand, Kerschen, Longbine, McGinn, Miller, Petersen, Pettey, Rucker, Skubal, Sykes, Taylor, Tyson, Wagle and Ware.

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.*