SENA\textsc{te Resolution} No. 1823

A Resolution honoring Henry Williams and the Uppercut Boxing Club.

\textit{WHEREAS}, Henry Williams is the winner of the 2011 Sargent Shriver Annual Achievement Award, one of two prestigious recognitions presented annually by the national Community Action Partnership; and

\textit{WHEREAS}, Williams was nominated for the award by Becky Gray and Steve Lohr, director of the Southeast Kansas Community Action program (SEK-CAP). Lohr said Williams was selected from among 1,100 community action programs across the nation; and

\textit{WHEREAS}, Williams began working with SEK-CAP in 2000, when he earned a Personal Responsibility and Achievement Award. His desire to give back to his community led to the establishment of the Uppercut Boxing Club, the only stand-alone youth development organization in Independence, Kansas, focusing on enabling youth in a positive manner and preventing delinquency; and

\textit{WHEREAS}, Working out of his home in the beginning, Williams helped young people train for amateur boxing four nights a week and mowed lawns to obtain the funds necessary to purchase basic boxing equipment. Through persistent contact, he gained the support of churches, schools and local law enforcement; and

\textit{WHEREAS}, The Uppercut Boxing Club has developed a positive reputation throughout the Independence community. The Uppercut Boxing Club obtained a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation and many community partners have participated in fundraising efforts. Additionally, individual and community supporters serve as board members and volunteers in the program; and

\textit{WHEREAS}, Through Williams' interactions with SEK-CAP, dedication and hard work, Williams and the Uppercut Boxing Club have improved their own community, making Independence a better place to live: Now, therefore,

\textit{Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas}: That we honor and recognize Henry Williams for his accomplishments and the Uppercut Boxing Club for its service to the Independence, Kansas community; and

\textit{Be it further resolved}: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send three enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator King.

Senate Resolution No. 1823 was sponsored by Senator Jeff King.

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.