SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1774

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2016 Businesses of the Year.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Kansas Small Business Development Center (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, The Kansas SBDC regional directors and staff selected eight Emerging Business of the Year award recipients, eight Existing Business of the Year award recipients and one Exporting Business of the Year recipient; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The 2016 Kansas SBDC Emerging Businesses of the Year are: Athletic Testing Solutions in Overland Park, Kansas, owned by David Kuluva and Eric Schroeder; Brickhouse Antiques in Topeka, Kansas, owned by Tom and Mary Norskov; Chisholm Trail Outfitters, LLC, in Hillsboro, Kansas, owned by Craig Dodd; Duck Salt in Greensburg, Kansas, owned by Matthew Deighton; Kids Calendar in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Beth McKeon; Sake2me Sushi Rolls, LLC, in Hays, Kansas, owned by Michael Huskey and Stacie Rupp; Sleep Inn & Suites in Fort Scott, Kansas, owned by Bill Michaud; and Sleeptopia in Wichita, Kansas, owned by Kevin Kunz; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Kansas SBDC Existing Businesses of the Year are: B&P, Inc., in Holton, Kansas, owned by Brett and Carly Fletcher; Colby Glass & Sign Co., Inc., in Colby, Kansas, owned by Rod Rodenbeck; CTe Learning in Olathe, Kansas, owned by Steve Waddell; DV Enterprises, LLC, in Liberal, Kansas, owned by Don and Vicky Brunkhardt; Eric Fisher Academy, Inc., in Wichita, Kansas, owned by Eric and Mary Fisher; Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Emporia, Kansas, owned by Amber Haag; Progressive Products, Inc., in Pittsburg, Kansas, owned by Todd Allison; and The Gun Guys in Ottawa, Kansas, owned by Tim VanLeiden; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Kansas SBDC Exporting Business of the Year is Custom Storefronts, Inc., in Olathe, Kansas, owned by Jon Roberts; 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 2016 Emerging, Existing and Exporting Businesses of the Year and wish all of them and the Kansas 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. 1774 was sponsored by Senators Holland, Abrams, Arpke, Baumgardner, Bowers, Denning, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Hawk, Hensley, Holmes, Kerschen, King, Knox, LaTurner, Longbine, Love, Lynn, Masterson, McGinn, Melcher, O'Donnell, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pettey, Pyle, V. Schmidt, Wilborn and Wolf.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution originated in the Senate, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.