

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1802

A RESOLUTION honoring James E. Butler for his many years of dedicated service to the Manhattan community and the state of Kansas.

WHEREAS, James E. Butler of Manhattan, who at age 88 continues serving as chairperson of the Kansas Human Rights Commission, will be awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. "Spirit of Giving Award" at a ceremony in Topeka on Friday, January 18, 2002; and

WHEREAS, James E. Butler was graduated from Sumner High School in Kansas City in 1931. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Far East during World War II. After the war he enrolled at Kansas State University but returned to the military where he completed a career of 26 years and attained the rank of Warrant Officer IV. While in the Army he received training in race relations and worked to improve racial relations and mediate racial incidents. He retired from the Army at age 62 and returned to Kansas State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in social sciences; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Kansas State University, James E. Butler became active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Upon his request, he was appointed to the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights in 1979 and continues to this day in this public service by serving on the Kansas Human Rights Commission. The commission receives and investigates civil rights violations in housing, employment and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 James E. Butler was honored by the Manhattan community and Kansas State University when September 21-26 was declared the "James E. Butler Celebration Week", and in conjunction with these activities, a scholarship in his name was created at Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS, James E. Butler was married in July 1948 to Margaret Hickman; she died August 1994. Their son, Marvin, now lives in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, James E. Butler, a giant of a man in Kansas civil rights and race relations, and a true gentleman, is a humble man best characterized by his statement, "When you do good, you feel good": Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor this citizen upon being awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. "Spirit of Giving Award"; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to James E. Butler.

Senate Resolution No. 1802 was sponsored by Senators Oleen, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

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.*