

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1807

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Labor to award Senior Community Service Employment Program grants to Experience Works in Kansas and throughout the country.

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor announced an open, competitive process for all national, private sector grants under the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP); and

WHEREAS, Experience Works founded the program in 1965 as a small demonstration project to help older, low income farmers supplement their income and provide community service training and employment while providing important services to their local communities; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Experience Works placed 38% of its SCSEP participants into good jobs through its program which is 190% of the 20% goal established by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Experience Works has significantly improved the quality of life of its senior participants despite significant barriers to employment and has provided employment opportunities and resources in rural counties wherein such opportunities are frequently limited; and

WHEREAS, Experience Works operates in a very efficient manner by providing one of the lowest cost per participant rates and providing that \$.89 of every dollar goes directly to participants in the form of wages for community service assignments, benefits, training, support services and direct employment assistance; and

WHEREAS, Participants placed by Experience Works through this program have their earnings increased by 357% and participants provided 16 million hours of community service to over 10,000 organizations and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Every tax dollar invested in Experience Works returns roughly \$1.53 in the first year alone; and

WHEREAS, Experience Works is an organization with a proven, nationwide delivery service system, a state of the art information technology capability, a dedicated and knowledgeable staff, significant experience, an outstanding record of performance and fiscal accountability and an extensive delivery service system that demonstrates the benefits of employing the talents of our older citizens: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we urge the United States Department of Labor to award Senior Community Service Employment Grants to Experience Works in Kansas and throughout the country; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of Senate be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.