

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1815

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Donald Lee Hollowell.

WHEREAS, Donald Lee Hollowell of Atlanta, Georgia, a noted attorney and civil rights pioneer, will be the honored guest at the Richard Allen Cultural Center's Annual Benefit Gala on February 15 at Leavenworth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollowell was born in Wichita in 1917 and completed his elementary and secondary education in Kansas. He then attended Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee, where he was an honor student and football team quarterback. His undergraduate studies were interrupted by service in the United States Army during World War II from which he was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. He then completed a law degree at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollowell entered the private practice of law in Georgia in 1952. During the following 14 years his law firm, Hollowell, Ward, Moore and Alexander, served as counsel for hundreds of persons who participated in the civil rights and civil liberties struggles of that era. Notable clients included Horace T. Ward, now a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, in his efforts to gain admission to the University of Georgia Law School; Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes in their efforts to be admitted to the University of Georgia and the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., in his appearances with the courts to gain freedom for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, In 1966 he was appointed Regional Director of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and held this position for 10 years. In 1976 he transferred to the position of Regional Attorney for the Commission, a position he held until his retirement in 1985. During his tenure with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission he supervised a staff of up to 34 attorneys and was responsible for their training, for the supervision of case preparation and the trial of hundreds of employment law cases involving Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Equal Pay Act; and

WHEREAS, During his past 60 plus years in Georgia he has been a noted civic and church leader, has served on numerous institutional boards and commissions, has received over 100 awards for his legal and community service and has had an honorary professorship named after him at the Emory University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hollowell is married to Louise E. Thornton who holds Professor Emeritus status from her service as teacher of English for 35 years at Morris Brown: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we welcome this son of Kansas back to his childhood home and congratulate and commend this man for his contributions to the civil rights struggles of our nation; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Gilstrap for presentation to Mr. Hollowell.

Senate Resolution No. 1815 was sponsored by Senators Gilstrap, Haley and Lyon.

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.