

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1819

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Edward E. Hirschler.

WHEREAS, Ed Hirschler, of Hanston, will be 103 years old on March 11, 2003. Born in the Cherokee Outlet, he moved to Hanston in 1915 where he has lived ever since, excepting an absence of eight years, six of which he lived in Dodge City and two of which he lived in Kinsley; and

WHEREAS, During his life Ed Hirschler has been a farmer, school teacher and faithful husband and has gained "living legend" status among Hanston residents, most of whom affectionately refer to him as "Uncle Ed". He has been a faithful member of the Hanston Mennonite Church, where his father was one of the first pastors; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hirschler was married to Elsie Miller for almost 65 years; she died in 1995. Together they raised two foster sons and one foster daughter. He has been blessed with literally hundreds of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hirschler graduated from Jetmore High School in 1924, after which he attended Fort Hays State University, majoring in English with a minor in History. He later returned to Fort Hays State University where he earned a master's degree in English in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hirschler taught school for 35 years before retiring to farming. He farmed for several years before a weak heart made him give it up. In retirement Elsie taught him how to crochet; subsequently he crocheted an afghan for nearly every member of the family and sold many to help support relief work. Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Edward E. Hirschler upon completion of 103 years on this earth and wish him many happy more; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mr. Edward E. Hirschler, Hanston, KS 67849.

Senate Resolution No. 1819 was sponsored by Senator Larry D. Salmans.

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.*