

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1844

A RESOLUTION congratulating Curtis R. McClinton, Sr. upon his 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, The McClinton family is planning a birthday party and recognition event for Curtis R. McClinton, Sr. on April 19. He was 90 years of age on March 20. The event will be held in the Kansas African American Museum in Wichita; and

WHEREAS, Curtis R. McClinton, Sr. was born in Brages, Oklahoma. He was graduated from the Manual Training High School in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and from Langston University in 1938. He later pursued master and doctorate level degrees from Wichita State University and Emporia State University. Locating in Wichita in 1942, he taught school and began a lengthy career in real estate and the grocery business. Currently he is a licensed real estate broker in Kansas and Missouri and president of Urban Housing in Wichita. A political activist, Mr. McClinton ran for the Wichita Board of Education in the 1940's and was the first African American Kansas state senator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McClinton served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1957 to 1959 and in the Kansas Senate from 1965 to 1969. While in the House of Representatives he served on the committees on building and loan, education, fees and salaries and state parks and memorials; while in the Senate he served on the committees on education, municipalities, printing, savings and loan and water resources; and

WHEREAS, Senator McClinton was instrumental in passing Kansas' first accommodation law. He cosponsored legislation giving the city of Wichita home rule powers. He worked hard to advance the civil rights of African Americans enabling them to work as teachers and as policemen, firemen and in other positions in the city of Wichita and Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, As a community volunteer, Mr. McClinton served as president of the Wichita Branch NAACP, second vice president of The National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers, member of The Associate Real Estate Brokers, member of The President's Club of Avon Distribution Company, Chairman of The Publicity Committee at McAdams Golden Age Club, precinct committee member of The #108 Precinct of Sedgwick County, a volunteer teacher at The Youth Resident Hall, Juvenile Court, and Perpetual Help Leading Lab, board president of The Wichita Area Credit Union and executive board of The Foster Grandparents Program; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, the Wichita chapter of the National Business League recognized Mr. McClinton for his dedicated service, commitment and support to the African American business community. He received an honorary membership to the organization in 1995. The same year, he received the Theo Cribbs Memorial Award from the African American Legislative Caucus. Mr. McClinton is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. In 2002 Senator McClinton was named a national History Maker by The History Makers, a national not-for-profit organization founded in 1999 and located in Chicago, Illinois. The goal of The History Makers is to create African American oral histories on video. He is the father of Curtis McClinton, Jr., who was an outstanding football player at Wichita North High School, Kansas University and the Kansas City Chiefs: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Curtis R. McClinton, Sr. upon attaining 90 years of age and for the stellar career he has had in business and in furthering the civil rights cause; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Gooch.

Senate Resolution No. 1844 was sponsored by Senator U.L. (Rip) Gooch.

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.*