

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1866

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending George Haley.

WHEREAS, George Williford Boyce Haley, a former resident of Kansas City and former Kansas State Senator, currently a resident of Silver Spring, Maryland, (a suburb of Washington, the District of Columbia) is to receive an honorary degree on May 10 from the University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, George Haley was born in 1925 in Henning, Tennessee; the second of three sons born to Simon and Bertha Haley; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, George Haley obtained an undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in 1949 and a law degree from the University of Arkansas in 1952. A requirement at the law school at that time segregated black students and white students, with a partition in the same classroom, from the professor—an experience later recorded by his brother, Alex Haley, in a magazine article captioned “The Man Who Wouldn’t Quit”; and

WHEREAS, George Haley served as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Kansas City, as a principal in a private law firm, and in the Kansas Senate from 1965 through 1968. He shares the distinction of being the first African American elected to the Kansas Senate. While in the Senate, he served as Chair of the Committee on Public Utilities; Vice-Chair of the Committee on Public Welfare and as a member of the Committees on: Banks and Banking; Federal and State Affairs; Industrial Development and Aeronautics; Judiciary; and Municipalities. He also was a primary candidate for the U.S. Congress (Kansas) in 1966; and a primary candidate for the U.S. Senate (Maryland) in 1986; and

WHEREAS, George Haley subsequently served with distinction in the federal government under five separate presidents. This service included positions as: Chief Council for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration; as Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency; as member and Chair of the United States Postal Rate Commission; and in diplomatic positions, as a member of the United Nations Education and Scientific Cultural Organization and as the United States Ambassador to the Gambia in West Africa; and

WHEREAS, George Haley is married to Doris (Moxley) Haley. They are the parents of David Haley, who is also an attorney and currently a Kansas state senator; a daughter, Anne Haley Brown, who is also an attorney and currently an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, and they proudly boast of their seven grandchildren: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Ambassador Haley (retired) upon his splendid career of public service and upon being honored by his alma mater, the University of Arkansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Honorable and Mrs. George W. B. Haley; Senator David Haley; Anne Haley Brown and to Dr. John A. White, Chancellor, University of Arkansas, 425 Administration Building, Fayetteville, AK 72701.

Senate Resolution No. 1866 was sponsored by Senators Haley, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Buhler, Bunten, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O’Connor, Oleen, 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.*