

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1808

A RESOLUTION to assist the homeless.

WHEREAS, There continues to be members of our society who are homeless, either by choice or circumstance, who need assistance in various ways, both while homeless and in returning to a conventional lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Society, either through private organizations or taxpayer supported programs, provides assistance in feeding, housing and caring for these destitute individuals; but such activities do not provide them with a home; and

WHEREAS, The cost of providing social services for our citizens continues to increase and the state faces continuing budget challenges; and

WHEREAS, It is proposed that private families be considered as a collateral resource for homeless missions in assisting homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, A family could provide stable housing and emotional support for one needing such; and could provide a strong incentive for the homeless person to become an active member of society; and

WHEREAS, Contacting family members by homeless individuals might be facilitated by providing them access to electronic communication devices; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Senate acknowledges the study “Dreams Deferred—the families and friends of homeless and vulnerable people,” by Gerald Lemos and Stefan Durkacz of Lemos & Crane, 64 Highgate High Street, London N6 5HX, which supports the idea of family, friends and relationships as a collateral resource for those who are presently homeless, and that service providers support use of the methodologies described therein: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is requested to consider the efficacy of this proposal and, if considered favorably, report to the Governor and Legislature prior to the commencement of the 2005 legislative session the department’s proposal on this subject; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide one enrolled copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, one copy to David Owen, 1300 Van Buren, Suite 16, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1353 and one copy to Gerald Lemos and Stefan Durkacz, of Lemos & Crane, 64 Highgate High Street, London N6 5HX, England.

Senate Resolution No. 1808 was sponsored by Senator David D. Jackson.

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.*