

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1866

A RESOLUTION honoring Ronald A. Averyt, Ph. D. for giving a lifetime of effort to Ottawa University.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald Averyt has been awarded an honorary membership in the Ottawa University Alumni Association, an award which he richly deserves. He commenced his teaching career at Ottawa University in 1961 and continued there for 38 years, retiring from active teaching in 1999. His efforts on behalf of the University, however, continue to this day; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Averyt enriched the lives of many students by stressing independence of thought, always asking students to think with clarity and sharpness and to behave in ways consistent with high expectations. He was known for his unwillingness to accept student apathy and disinterest. He was also known for his willingness to assist students; they benefited from his personalized spring break field trips and were exposed to the nuances of history and politics through travel. He was repeatedly honored with awards such as “most inspirational” and “most effective”. He was named the Professor of the Year in 1977, the Sibyl Martin Distinguished Professor in 1986-87 and was the recipient of the prestigious Class of 1966 Award three times for being the most influential in the lives of students; and

WHEREAS, As an historian and humorist he lent his speaking talents to the Kansas Humanities Council beginning in 1999, speaking on such topics as “My Vote Wasn’t Bought, Just Rented”, “The Humor of Politics” and “Don’t Squat with Your Spurs On: Western Humor”; and

WHEREAS, Before retiring he helped raise funds for new sidewalks throughout the campus. He has been a zealous supporter of sports at Ottawa University with personal and financial contributions. Since retiring he has helped advance the University by raising funds for various scholarships and for the athletic teams. He has attended multiple alumni functions promoting the vision and mission of the University and truly exemplifies the spirit of the University: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor and commend this man of letters who has given his entire life’s work to the advancement of Ottawa University and the students he has known at this institution; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide two enrolled copies of this resolution to Dr. John E. Neal, President, Ottawa University, 1001 South Cedar, Ottawa, KS 66067-3399 for presentation to Dr. Averyt and the University.

Senate Resolution No. 1866 was sponsored by Senators Anthony Hensley and Pat Apple.

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.*