

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1854

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Don Wistuba.

WHEREAS, Don Wistuba, the operator of the statehouse snack bars, will complete 30 years of service to hungry patrons in May of this year. He operates the first floor snack bar throughout the year and a second snack bar when the legislature is in session. Business is good when the legislature is in town, and his work day starts about 6 a.m. and normally ends about 6 p.m. but may extend into the early morning hours when the legislature stays late to debate bills. Business drops off drastically when the legislature is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Don has been blind since birth. Originally from Kansas City, he attended the Kansas School for the Blind—now the Kansas State School for the Visually Handicapped. He learned of the program for blind snack bars while in school. After working in a small facility at the old state office building at 801 Harrison Street for more than a year, he commenced his present business; and

WHEREAS, Don is an independent businessman. He owns the inventory which he sells. He identifies his inventory with Braille name tags, and needless to say, his suppliers need to be very careful when stocking inventory. He uses a bill reader to identify the denomination of paper bills and uses a Japanese abacus for making calculations. A lot of his business transactions are made with his trust that his customers will take the item they say they are taking and place the proper change on the counter. Don runs a very clean facility, and it is very common to see him cleaning the counters and the sinks of his business. Don operates under the Federal Business Enterprise Program which is supervised by the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services; and

WHEREAS, Don lives a few blocks from the statehouse and walks to work using a cane to help him find his way. He must be very familiar with the statehouse as he walks confidently throughout the building without a cane as he goes from the snack bars on the first and third floors of the building; Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Don Wistuba as he nears the completion of 30 years operation of the statehouse snack bars and marvel at his fortitude as he goes about his life; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mr. Don Wistuba.

Senate Resolution No. 1854 was sponsored by Senator David Haley.

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.*