

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1834

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Phyllis Burdge and her service dog, Justice.

WHEREAS, Phyllis Burdge and her service dog, Justice, completed the first PB&J American WalkAbout journey on March 13, 2007, in Hays; and

WHEREAS, Burdge had the first official service dog in the state of Kansas and worked with former Kansas Senator and current Congressman Jerry Moran to pass legislation guaranteeing full public access to service dogs for physically disabled people; and

WHEREAS, After spontaneous remission from multiple sclerosis, Burdge completed graduate school in Indiana, hospital chaplain residency in Colorado and two AmeriCorps VISTA terms in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, On November 20, 2005, just seven years after taking her first steps in over 12 years, Burdge and Justice, began the PB&J American WalkAbout, traveling throughout America on foot to share her story of hope and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Burdge's efforts not only increase awareness of assistance dogs and disability issues, but also address issues such as individual value, self worth and purpose, as well as individual needs: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Phyllis Burdge and her service dog, Justice, for their efforts to raise awareness of the potential that exists in every individual regardless of ability, age or any other factor, and wish them all the best as they embark on other WalkAbout journeys and continue to spread hope across America; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Derek Schmidt for presentation to Phyllis Burdge and her service dog, Justice.

Senate Resolution No. 1834 was sponsored by Senators Derek Schmidt and Mark Taddiken.

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.*