SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1718

A RESOLUTION commemorating Dr. David J. Spittal's retirement as President of MidAmerica Nazarene University.

WHEREAS, After previous tenures at Southern Wesleyan University and Indiana Wesleyan University, Dr. David J. Spittal was selected as MidAmerica Nazarene University's (MNU) fifth president on January 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Within four years, changes brought by Dr. Spittal led to MNU being awarded a 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Since 2012, Dr. Spittal has hosted an annual night of celebration and generosity, called the President's Honors, which has raised nearly $8,000,000 to support student scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Spittal's leadership, MNU was one of five recipients out of 5,000 eligible institutions for a $10,000,000 Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant from the United States Department of Education to improve academic support, career counseling and wellness programs, as well as make improvements to faculty development and information technology; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Dr. Spittal's leadership, MNU has experienced marked growth, innovation and deep community engagement, which was recognized by the Olathe Chamber of Commerce, which honored Dr. Spittal as its 2024 Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 18,000 students have graduated from MNU under Dr. Spittal's tenure and are now serving throughout Kansas as successful nurses, teachers, counselors, legislators and business leaders: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: **That we commemorate Dr. David J. Spittal on his retirement, for his dedication and service as President of MidAmerica Nazarene University, in Olathe, Kansas, and we thank him for his enduring impact on the lives of thousands of Kansans; and**

Be it further resolved: **That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 2 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Thomas.**

Senate Resolution No. 1718 was sponsored by Senators Thomas, Gossage, Rose and Shane.

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.