

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1818

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Gustavus McLeod.

WHEREAS, Gustavus McLeod, a motivational speaker, is a true adventurer. Being both an aviator and diver, in 1999 he flew the first open cockpit aircraft over the magnetic north pole, and in 2000 flew the first open cockpit aircraft over the geographic north pole; and

WHEREAS, Gustavus McLeod was born and reared in the state of Mississippi where his father was a Methodist minister and his mother a school teacher. He learned to fly at age 14. At age 16 he moved with his parents to Washington, D.C. and while there accepted a scholarship as an exchange student thereby causing him to graduate from high school in Bonn, Germany. He went on to earn bachelor and master degrees in chemical engineering; and

WHEREAS, After college he was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency and worked undercover for the organization for eight years. Subsequently he worked as an engineer and contract manager for firms with federal contracts to develop sonar, torpedo and missile programs. Currently he is the owner of a medical supply company in Gaithersburg, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLeod has received many honors and awards including a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Tuskegee Airmen, the Medal of Distinction by the Air Force Association, a Citation by the Maryland House of Delegates, the Spirit of Courage Award by the Rotary Club, a Congressional Recognition by the United States House of Representatives and the Conqueror of the Pole Award by the Smithsonian Institute; and

WHEREAS, Gustavus McLeod married Mary Alice Lockmuller, whom he met while in college. They have three children: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Gustavus McLeod for the achievements he has enjoyed during an adventurous lifetime; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Gooch.

Senate Resolution No. 1818 was sponsored by Senator U.L. (Rip) Gooch.

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.*