

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1856

A RESOLUTION in memory of Dr. Bertram Caruthers, Sr.

WHEREAS, Dr. Bertram Caruthers, Sr., 89, a long time educator for Kansas City died April 27; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caruthers served as Professor of Biology, Lane College (1935-1939); Teacher of General Science, Northeast Junior High School (1939-1957); Principal, Attucks Elementary School (1957-1960); Principal, Hawthorne Elementary School (1960-1966); Supervisor of Science, Unified School District No. 500; Professor of Educational Administration courses, University of Missouri-Kansas City and as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Unified School District No. 500. Dr. Caruthers' memory has been honored by Unified School District No. 500's renaming Hawthorne Elementary School as Bertram Caruthers Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caruthers implemented the first career education program in the state of Kansas and edited a book on career education for Holt, Rhinehart, and Winston Book Company, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caruthers was a member of the board of directors of the American Red Cross and Salvation Army; the board of trustees of Economic Opportunity Foundation, Wyandotte House and on the board of directors of the Commission on the State of the Disabled. He served as Director of Neighborhood Youth Corps during summers and as Vice-President of the Kansas City Housing Authority for 14 years. He served on the following boards: Kansas State Board for Higher Education, Kansas State Board for Junior Colleges, Kansas State Board for Vocational Education, Kansas State Board for Career Education, Wyandotte Mental Health Association, Turner House, Inc., and Human Relations Commission, Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for 70-plus years, Sigma Pi Phi Business and Professional Fraternity and St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for 77 years. At the time of his death, he was President Emeritus of the Lay Ministry of the Kansas Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also a member of the National Correctional Board, Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Episcopacy Committee for the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caruthers' awards include the Distinguished Service Citation, University of Kansas; Layman of the Year, Kansas-Missouri Conference, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Outstanding Citizen's Award, YMCA of Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas State Board of Vocational Education; Kansas State Board of Community Colleges; Distributive Education Award; Optimist Club Award and Kansas City, Kansas, Housing Authority Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caruthers is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a daughter, Patricia Caruthers, Ph.D.; and a son, Bertram Caruthers, Jr., M.D.: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we take this moment to reflect on the career of this giant in the Kansas City community, of the difference he has made in the lives of many young people in the Kansas City community and, we give our deepest sympathy to his family and friends; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Haley for presentation to the family of Dr. Caruthers.

Senate Resolution No. 1856 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.*