

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1809

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ora T. Switzer.

WHEREAS, Ora Switzer, of Nicodemus, will be 100 years old on February 24, 2003. Her family, friends and neighbors are gathering for a gala event in Nicodemus on Saturday, February 22, 2003, to wish her a happy 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, During her long life Ora Switzer has been a wife, mother and homemaker, has established a reputation as a great cook both in Nicodemus and Topeka, has been a faithful member of and secretary for the First Baptist Church in Nicodemus and has served as a delegate to the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Ora Switzer was married to Fred Switzer for over 60 years; he died in 1993. They are the parents of six children: Freddie, Lorene, Lee Evertt, Avalon, Harold and Veryl. Ora Switzer additionally has been blessed with 20 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and 30 great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, The exploits of her youngest son, Veryl, as a football legend at Kansas State University have made the name "Switzer" known to many Kansans; Ora Switzer has the greater distinction of being a Switzer living in Nicodemus, the proud, storied western Kansas town established by black sodbuster pioneers: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Ora T. Switzer upon completion of 100 years on this earth and wish her many more happy years; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide seven enrolled copies of this resolution to Mrs. Fred Switzer, Nicodemus Villa, Apartment 5B, Bogue, KS 67625.

Senate Resolution No. 1809 was sponsored by Senators Clark, Gooch and 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.*