

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1805

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Henry and Bea Wessel.

WHEREAS, Henry and Bea Wessel, residents at the Council Grove City Lake, rescued John Hanson, a fellow resident at the lake, from a cold death on January 8; and

WHEREAS, John Hanson noticed that Checkers, one of his poodles, had not returned to the house and located the dog in the water near the edge of the ice about 100 feet from shore. Mr. Hanson went onto the thin ice and was within five feet of his dog when he fell through the ice into the water. After pushing the dog to safety, Mr. Hanson clung to a buoy about 100 feet from shore and yelled for his wife to help him, but she did not hear his call. Fortunately, Henry Wessel, who normally takes a nap after lunch, decided to clean out his garage and saw Mr. Hanson through the garage window. Mr. Wessel tried to throw a rope to Mr. Hanson without success; he got in a canoe to get closer, but after throwing the rope to Mr. Hanson was only pulled toward him. Finally, with Mrs. Wessel's help they secured the rope to the end of a pier and were able to bring Mr. Hanson to safety. He had been in the water over 10 minutes, and his body temperature was 93 degrees when checked by medical technicians; fortunately, he was able to return home after being checked at the hospital: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Henry and Bea Wessel for their heroic rescue of John Hanson; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Wessel, I 10 Lake Road, Council Grove, KS 66846.

Senate Resolution No. 1805 was sponsored by Senator Jim Barnett.

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.*