

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1820

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service, and commending its members for dedicated service to elder Kansans.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Association of Homes and Services is the state-wide organization dedicated to assisting not-for-profit retirement communities, nursing homes, and assisted living, senior housing and community-based service providers, to provide the highest quality care and services to elder Kansans; and

WHEREAS, The year 2004 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, Elder Kansans have made, and continue to make, invaluable contributions to our families, communities, state, nation and world, from which all Kansans greatly benefit; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Kansas Association of Homes and Services are known for quality, innovation, compassion and caring; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and its members are leaders in the movement to transform facility-based long-term care into residences in which elders are the decision-makers. Direct caregivers are empowered to be responsive to elders and each other, where an atmosphere and attitude of home prevails, and where the organization, elders and caregivers are an integral and vital part of their local community; and

WHEREAS, The 160 members of the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, including their 29,000 employees statewide, have taken up the cause of meeting the unmet needs of our elder citizens: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, commend its members for caring and compassionate service, and encourage all Kansans to support the mission of not-for-profit long-term care organizations, and to express appreciation to those who live and work there; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide four enrolled copies of this resolution to John R. Grace, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, 217 SE 8th, Topeka, KS 66603.

Senate Resolution No. 1820 was sponsored by Senators Kerr, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Brownlee, Brungardt, Buhler, Bunten, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Helgerson, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jordan, Journey, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

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.*