

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1822

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Teresa Walters.

WHEREAS, Teresa Walters, an Emporian, has been chosen to receive the KiKi Camarena Honorable Mention National Award from the National Family Partnership, a leading organization supporting America's families by promoting healthy, drug-free youth through prevention and education. She was chosen for this honor by the National Family Partnership Award Committee; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998 Mrs. Walters has served as the Executive Director of the Emporians for Drug Awareness, Inc. and is considered a leader in the field of drug prevention in the state of Kansas. As a result of her involvement, Emporians for Drug Awareness was the first recipient of a Drug-Free Communities Grant in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walters has worked to educate numerous individuals across Kansas about fetal alcohol syndrome and its relationship to mental retardation in children, and she applied and received funds to establish the first fetal alcohol syndrome diagnostic clinic in Emporia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walters initiated P.R.O.U.D. (Public Officials Opposed to Underage Drinking) and as a result, alcohol use among youth has decreased. She also obtained a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation and cooperated with the Emporia Police Department on underage drinking enforcement and DUI checkpoints. She also co-chaired the Kansas Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Walters has achieved numerous "firsts" in her community, not only by developing new programs but also being able to find the funds to support them. She is a positive role model in her community and for the great state of Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Teresa Walters for her involvement in reducing drug and alcohol abuse in her community; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. Teresa Walters, 2850 Rio Vista Drive, Emporia, KS 66801.

Senate Resolution No. 1822 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.*