

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1828

A RESOLUTION honoring Harry Whistler.

WHEREAS, Harry Whistler, 97, of Independence has been honored by the Cherryvale Elks Lodge and VFW Post 1186 of Independence as Kansas' oldest known living veteran of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whistler, a native of Elk City, was working at the Sinclair Pipe Line Company in Independence when he enlisted in the United States Navy at age 36. He served on active duty from October 22, 1942, until honorably discharged just before his 39th birthday on September 7, 1945; and

WHEREAS, For an unknown reason, Mr. Whistler had been in the navy a year before being sent to boot camp. After completing boot camp he was shipped to Eniwetok, a small island in the Marshall Islands, only 10 days after it was captured from the Japanese. There he spent a year as a communication specialist handling messages for the fleet. Subsequently, he returned to the United States where he was assigned to a new ship, the USS Carpellotti, and was on the ship in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, when the war ended; and

WHEREAS, After the war he returned to his job at the pipeline, which later became the Arco Pipe Line, at the time of his retirement in 1971. He was married to his wife, Mae, for 68 years before her death two years ago. Mr. Whistler remains active in veterans and Elk affairs; he helps gather items for the Veterans Hospital in Wichita and rarely misses a meeting at the local lodge: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor Harry Whistler as the oldest known Kansas Elks Lodge and VFW veteran of World War II and wish him a continued life of activity and service; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Harry Whistler, 1400 N. 10th Street, Independence, KS 67301.

Senate Resolution No. 1828 was sponsored by Senator Derek Schmidt.

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.*