

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1825

A RESOLUTION recognizing the works and efforts of the Wichita Chapter of Links, Inc. through their continued dedication to the Beautillion education program and its 32nd annual program aimed toward enriching the lives of local African-American males.

WHEREAS, The mission and goal of the Wichita Chapter of Links, Inc. is to provide scholarships to deserving students and to develop programs, such as the 32nd annual Beautillion event, which combat issues that would otherwise limit the healthy growth and development of residents in our community; and

WHEREAS, Service projects sponsored by Links, Inc. are dedicated to promoting health, education and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Over 40 professional women of color from Wichita volunteer their time to this not-for-profit organization, which has 274 chapters in 42 states and 3 countries; and

WHEREAS, The 32nd annual Beautillion event will serve 22 local African-American men; and

WHEREAS, The 22 participants will have the opportunity to raise money for college and earn scholarships from Links, Inc. and the other corporate sponsors, as well as compete for the title of "Mr. Beau"; and

WHEREAS, That the 32nd annual Beautillion event will be Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 7 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, That through the Beautillion program, over 700 African-American males from Wichita and the surrounding community have been afforded the opportunity to obtain funds to further their education after successfully completing high school; and

WHEREAS, During the six month Beautillion season, participants will engage in a number of cultural, social and educational events all designed to aid them in making the successful transition from high school to college and beyond: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Wichita Chapter of Links, Inc. for hosting Beautillion for 32 years and wish it continued success in helping to educate young African-American men; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Honorable Jennifer Jones, 2420 N. Dellrose, Wichita, Kansas 67220.

Senate Resolution No. 1825 was sponsored by Senator Donald Betts, Jr.

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.*