

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1865

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Johnson County Nursing Center for being awarded the first annual Ombudsman Excellence Award by the Kansas Long-term Care Ombudsman Program.

WHEREAS, In her State of the State address, Governor Kathleen Sebelius called for innovative ways to make health care affordable and effective for Kansas seniors; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has many nursing facilities that are leading the way in promoting resident-centered care; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 14 percent of Kansas residents are 65 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, “Culture Change” is the need to change the philosophy of long-term care and its delivery to our elders. Such change transforms the philosophy and practice at every level of operation of long-term care facilities by developing new ways of working that foster an environment in which staff are inspired to support residents’ quality of life and self-determination; an environment that fosters respect for residents’ dignity, personhood and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Nursing Center is meeting the challenge to effect this change by working to return control to long-term care facility residents. Residents are given ample choices with respect to meals, waking and bed times and activities. Residents also have more choices when making their rooms more homey; and

WHEREAS, At the Johnson County Nursing Center, innovations such as unique staffing schedules and assignments help to empower those who work with residents to provide consistent care to residents; and

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Nursing Center has developed the Geriatric Education Resource and Training Institute. This training program trains direct care staff to be responsible and accountable. The program has been so successful that the Center now offers the training in numerous locations across Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Johnson County Nursing Center for receiving the Ombudsman Excellence Award; and for being a leader among the new age of long-term care providers by meeting challenges and promoting opportunities and solutions to provide Kansas seniors with quality long-term care while respecting their dignity, personhood and autonomy; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 3 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Julia Lynn.

Senate Resolution No. 1865 was sponsored by Senator Julia Lynn.

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.*