

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6017

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2008 Businesses of the Year.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) is to increase economic prosperity in Kansas by helping entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow their businesses through professional consulting, training and resources; and

WHEREAS, The KSBDC regional directors and staff select eight Emerging Business of the Year award recipients and eight Existing Business of the Year award recipients; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Small Business Development Center's Business of the Year awards are designed to recognize KSBDC clients for superior performance; and

WHEREAS, Emerging Business of the Year award recipients have demonstrated major accomplishments while establishing and growing the business, overcome significant obstacles, shown growth and impact based on the KSBDC Economic Impact Tracking spreadsheet, a clear vision for the future of the business and something unique to offer to their community; and

WHEREAS, Existing Business of the Year award recipients have achieved major accomplishments, overcome significant obstacles, shown growth and impact based on the KSBDC Economic Impact Tracking spreadsheet, a record of profitability and demonstrated good corporate citizenship through community contributions; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 KSBDC Emerging Businesses of the Year are Eagle Creek Vineyards in Olpe, Kansas, owned by Jo Ann Kuhlmann; Flower Cottage in Quinter, Kansas, owned by Kathy and Robert Kuntz; Local Burger in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Hilary Brown; Longford Water Company, LLC in Longford, Kansas, owned by Kim and Wava Kramer; Music House School of Music in Overland Park, Kansas, owned by Aaron Sizemore and Katrinka Riggs; New Boston Creative Group, LLC in Manhattan, Kansas, owned by Kristin Brighton, Susan Religa and Lisa Sisley; Oakview Estates Assisted Living in Frontenac, Kansas, owned by Mark Scales and Jason Lahr; and Oswalt Appraisals in Garden City, Kansas, owned by Alan Oswalt; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 KSBDC Existing Businesses of the Year are Acorn Valley Custom Cabinetry in Thayer, Kansas, owned by Jim Houston and Bob Greif; Avon Beauty Center in Overland Park, Kansas, owned by Elizabeth and George Demas; EmbroidMe in Dodge City, Kansas, owned by Gavin and Kim Unruh; The Furniture Look, Inc. in Hays, Kansas, owned by Karen Dreiling; Howard Pine's Garden Center & Greenhouses in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Gerald Pine; Morrill Collision Repair, Inc. in Morrill, Kansas, owned by Lonnie and Melanie Teeter; Pet Sitting Pal in Emporia, Kansas, owned by Reneé Flott; and ServiceMaster by Clean In a Wink in Wichita, Kansas, owned by Jerry E. Winkley; and

WHEREAS, The KSBDC Businesses of the Year serve as examples of the success that the KSBDC and small business owners across Kansas can achieve: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2008 Emerging and Existing Businesses of the Year and wish all of them and the KSBDC continued success in the future.

House Resolution No. 6017 was sponsored by Don Hill.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*