

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1872

A RESOLUTION in memory of Charles R. "Dick" Webb.

WHEREAS, Charles R. "Dick" Webb of Pittsburg, Kansas, passed away on March 23, 2009, with his family by his side; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb was born on December 10, 1938, in Independence, Kansas to Jesse and Grace Lewis Webb. Mr. Webb attended Horace Mann Elementary School, Lakeside Junior High School and graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1956. He graduated from Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb married Kaye Lynne Johnson in Miami, Oklahoma on April 6, 1957; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb was a member of the Kansas Army National Guard from 1956-1965, where he achieved the rank of First Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Starting at his kitchen table with only eight employees, Mr. Webb founded and chaired the Watco Companies, Inc., a rail service provider in Pittsburg, Kansas. At the time of his passing, Watco employed over 2,000 people in 26 states and operated 3,900 miles of track, 20 short line railroads, 22 switching locations, 14 mechanical shops, 18 mobile mechanical repair locations and 11 trans-load and intermodal locations; and

WHEREAS, Some of the honors bestowed upon Mr. Webb include being named Distinguished Alumni from Pittsburg High School in 2003; receiving the Meritorious Achievement Award from Pittsburg State University in May 2006; and, on behalf of Watco, receiving the Governor's Award for Excellence for a Kansas Business in 2005, the highest honor the state gives to businesses; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and commitment with which Dick Webb lived his life not only impacted his family and his business, but serves as an example for all to live by: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor Charles "Dick" Webb for the many contributions he made to society and for the example he set in living his life and that we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Kaye Lynne, his family and friends; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Bob Marshall.

Senate Resolution No. 1872 was sponsored by Senator Bob Marshall.

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.*