

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1746

A Resolution honoring the life of former Kansas state senator, Jack Janssen.

WHEREAS, Jack Janssen, a former Kansas state senator passed away at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Jack Janssen became a legend in his hometown of Lyons, Kansas. He was a builder by trade, but he was also a farmer, rancher, local businessman and a state senator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Janssen was born on July 6, 1923. He graduated from Lyons High School in 1941 and attended the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Janssen owned and operated Central Real Estate in Lyons, Kansas. He was an avid woodworker, creative writer and artist, and displayed many pieces of work at the Kansas State Fair. He was instrumental in the founding of the Celebration Centre, and the main hall was given the name "Jack W. Janssen Hall"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Janssen was a member and former president of the Optimist Club of Lyons, a member of the USD 405 School Board for six years, and a Liaison Officer for the Air Force Academy. Mr. Janssen also served as a member of the National Legislative Conference, State Board of Indigents Defense, Government Ethics Committee, Chairman of the Employment Security Board of Review and the Racing Commission; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the United States Air Force, Mr. Janssen flew bombing missions over France and Germany in WWII. He flew a new B-17 named "Heaven Can Wait." After three years of active duty, Mr. Janssen served in the Air Force Reserves for 23 years, and he retired as a lieutenant colonel. By the time he had flown 35 missions, Janssen got leave to return to the U.S.A. and became a B-25 instructor, and was in the air transport command, ferrying new airplanes everywhere. "It was good duty," he said then, "the ferrying command"; and

WHEREAS, Jack Janssen leaves behind a loving family that will miss him dearly, including his wife, Judith. He served the community of Lyons for many years and served the State of Kansas as a state senator from 1964 to 1980: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor the life of Jack Janssen. He served the State of Kansas in several capacities, and we are extremely thankful for that service. He will be missed by the community of Lyons and the entire State of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Emler.

Senate Resolution No. 1746 was sponsored by Senator Jay Scott Emler.

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.*