

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1756

A RESOLUTION memorializing the life of Ivan Wyatt.

WHEREAS, Ivan Wyatt served as Vice President of Kansas Farmers Union, the state's oldest active general agriculture organization, from 1973-1981, served as State President from 1981-2000, and passed away on February 25, 2013, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Ivan was instrumental in organizing and chartering the Chase County Farmers Union, serving as county president for a number of years. He also served on the Board of Directors of National Farmers Union during his tenure as State President; and

WHEREAS, During his 50 years of involvement in Kansas Farmers Union, Ivan worked relentlessly to protect family farms and ranches and develop and champion farmer-owned cooperatives. In Topeka, President Wyatt worked on strengthening corporate farming laws to protect family farms from corporate takeover; and

WHEREAS, Ivan was committed to issues Kansas Farmers Union members stood for in policy. He enjoyed being engaged at the state legislature, as well as on the national level. Ivan worked to help build links and bridges, and he made sure Kansas' elected officials were never left thinking there was only one side of an issue; and

WHEREAS, During his career in Farmers Union, Ivan made hundreds of friends and was well-respected in the agriculture industry where he met agriculture leaders from across the U.S. and the world. Family farming was in his heart, and he worked persistently to ensure its success and future; and

WHEREAS, Ivan leaves behind his daughters, Cheryl Leitnaker of Ottawa and Colette Freeman of Effingham, IL; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we memorialize the life of Ivan Wyatt and thank him for his service to the farmers, ranchers and rural communities of Kansas; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1756 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

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.*