

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1789

**A RESOLUTION congratulating and recognizing the Landoll Corporation's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and its receiving of the Ad Astra Award from the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.**

WHEREAS, The Kansas Chamber of Commerce stands for free enterprise and continual improvement of our great state's economic climate for the benefit of every business and citizen and represents small, medium and large employers all across Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Chamber of Commerce presents the Ad Astra Award to one business each year that exemplifies both business and civic excellence within the state and recognizes a Kansas business for its unique contribution to the economic health and welfare of our state; and

WHEREAS, The Landoll Corporation, headquartered in Marysville, Kansas, has grown from a small welding, radiator and blacksmith shop to a global manufacturer of quality products and services for the agricultural, material handling, OEM/Government and transportation industries; and

WHEREAS, The Landoll Corporation employs approximately 1,000 dedicated employees; and

WHEREAS, The Landoll Corporation is a leader in innovative design, and attributes its success to its guiding principles of: Diversification, vertical integration, quality employees, community service, quality products, safety and total customer satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, The Landoll Corporation exemplifies business excellence in Kansas with an entrepreneurial spirit of "can do," which has led to substantial growth in the business; and

WHEREAS, The Landoll Corporation attributes some of its growth from the state and local tax policy which allowed the company to invest in personnel, property, technology and modern equipment and which supported the acquisition and relocation of jobs to Kansas of the following product lines: Bendi forklifts from England, Drexel Industries forklifts from Pennsylvania and Brillion farm equipment from Wisconsin. The Landoll Corporation was also able to acquire ICON Industries in Beloit, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The Landoll Corporation exemplifies civic excellence in Kansas and local communities with: Acquiring and renovating vacant buildings; completing renovation of a vacant bowling alley; renovating St. Gregory's Elementary School with workers, materials and funding; currently renovating St. Gregory's church; providing significant fundraising for the newly constructed Community Memorial Hospital; refurbishing the local municipal airport building and facilities; and providing numerous airplane flights for the seriously ill;

WHEREAS, The Landoll Corporation encourages and promotes employee community involvement in: Community festivals, parades, community theater, and local board participation for the community, including: Community Memorial Hospital, Main Street, Marysville Chamber of Commerce, the Kansas State Chamber, and Leadership Marshall County. Don Landoll also serves as President of Team Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The Landoll Corporation has been a successful business for 50 years and is vital to the growth and strength of the Kansas economy: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate the Landoll Corporation for marking its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, receiving the Ad Astra Award from the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, exemplifying business and civic excellence in Kansas and being a good steward in the Marysville Community; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Bowers and Don Landoll, Chairman and President of the Landoll Corporation.

Senate Resolution No. 1789 was sponsored by Senator Elaine S. Bowers.

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.*