

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1805

A RESOLUTION in memory of Joseph C. Harder.

WHEREAS, Joseph C. Harder, formerly of Moundridge and a 32 year veteran of the Kansas senate, died August 21, 2004, at age 88; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harder was elected in 1960 to represent the 35th senatorial district and continued to do so until his retirement from the senate in 1992. He was appointed chairperson of the senate education committee in 1965 and held this position for the next 28 years—one of the longest tenures in the history of the senate. He was a key member fashioning the school district equalization act of 1973 and put aside his pride in the 1973 legislation to assist in the enactment of the school district finance and quality performance act of 1992. Other committee assignments included service on the committees on financial institutions and insurance, calendar and rules, ways and means, joint committee on state building construction and legislative education planning; and

WHEREAS, In his home community Mr. Harder served on the Moundridge city council and as general manager of the Moundridge Telephone Company. He was a member of the Moundridge United Methodist Church, the Moundridge Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge. He was in business with his brother at one time in the operation of a furniture store and funeral home. During World War II he served in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harder married Maryan L. Brooks in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 24, 1939; she survives. Also surviving are a son, Brooks, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Joseph C. Harder and declare our appreciation for the 32 years of devoted service he gave to the state of Kansas and to the public schools of this state; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide two enrolled copies of this resolution to Mrs. Joseph C. Harder.

Senate Resolution No. 1805 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.*