

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1819

A RESOLUTION in memory of Stan W. Clark.

WHEREAS, Senator Stan W. Clark, 49, of Oakley, was killed May 29, 2004, while driving on Interstate 70 in western Kansas during a sudden dust storm; and

WHEREAS, Considered by many as the conscience of the senate, Stan Clark was appointed to represent the 40th senatorial district to fill the vacated seat of Sheila Frahm in 1994. He was elected to subsequent 4-year terms in 1996 and 2000. His senate appointments included the chair of the Utilities Committee and membership on the committees on Joint Administrative Rules and Regulations, Elections and Local Government, Federal and State Affairs and Organization, Calendar and Rules. He had also served on the committees on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance and Assessment and Taxation; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Dunkard Brethren Church, his simple life and plain dress marked him as a conservative in the political arena. His colleagues soon found him a model of fairness, a person who could create coalitions to advance the common good, and a person who was in favor of many actions if they promoted the welfare of the state. He could be truly described as an honest man with a pure heart. His gracious wife Ruth and stalwart son Will were familiar persons in the capitol building—and all of them are gravely missed; and

WHEREAS, Stan Clark was a native of Oakley, a graduate of Oakley High School and operated a premier photography business in Oakley. Active in community activities and local politics, he had been a township board treasurer, chairman of the Logan County Republican party, chairman of the Oakley board of zoning and appeals and vice-chairman of the Oakley Planning Commission. He was a member and past president of the Oakley Chamber of Commerce, a former president of Oakley Industries, Inc. and a member of the leadership council of the Kansas Agriculture Value-Added Center; and

WHEREAS, Stan Clark is survived by his wife Ruth, his son Will and his parents Bob and Edith Clark; and

WHEREAS, Stan Clark's funeral was attended by an overflow crowd of several hundred people. The event was particularly poignant as his casket was taken to the cemetery in the antique Hudson pickup he and his son had spent many hours restoring with his wife and son as passengers. He was laid to rest in the high plains country that he loved: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate speaks for the entire state of Kansas in the depth of loss it feels upon the death of our colleague and feels blessed for the time he was with us; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. Stan W. Clark, 205 U.S. 83, Oakley, KS 67748 and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, 414 W. 8th, Oakley, KS 67748.

Senate Resolution No. 1819 was sponsored by Senators Ostmeyer, Allen, Apple, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Brownlee, Bruce, Brungardt, Donovan, Emler, Francisco, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jordan, Journey, Kelly, Lee, McGinn, Morris, O'Connor, Palmer, Petersen, Pine, Pyle, Reitz, D. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle, Wilson and Wysong.

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.*