

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1835

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Johnson County Library.

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Library was named recently as one of six recipients of the 2005 National Award for Museum and Library Service. This is the nation's highest honor for extraordinary public service provided by a library or museum. The award honors institutions for their outstanding social, educational, environmental or economic contributions to their communities and underscores the vital role of libraries and museums as leaders in our democratic society. Each of the recipients receives an award of \$10,000 and recognition at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The award is given by the Institute of Museum and Library Science, an independent grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners. The institute fosters leadership, innovation and a lifetime of learning. Additionally, the institute encourages partnerships to expand the educational benefit of libraries and museums; and

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Library was established in 1952 and serves a population of nearly 400,000 in the metropolitan Kansas City area with 12 branch libraries and a central resource library. The mission of the library is to provide access to ideas, information, experiences and materials that support and enrich people's lives. It emphasizes traditional services while encouraging patron involvement, and it seeks to expand the library's presence throughout the community and on the world wide web. The library has a myriad of successful programs that benefit all areas of Johnson County and rural communities. From school administrators to local government officials, from business leaders to youth correctional officers, the library actively seeks input from the community to improve traditional services and shape programming for new audiences; and

WHEREAS, The library has received several national awards for programs devoted to outreach to the disabled and the incarcerated and for its diversity practices and community building. In particular the library merits commendation for its Changing Lives Through Literature program, which has dramatically reduced the recidivism rate among probationary teens; and

WHEREAS, The library staff is deeply committed to providing outstanding service each and every day and in developing programs to meet the needs of the public: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Johnson County Library is congratulated and commended upon being selected as one of only three libraries in the country to receive recognition from the Institute of Museum and Library Science as a recipient of the 2005 National Award for Museum and Library Services; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mona Carmack, Director, Johnson County Library, P.O. Box 2933, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-1333.

Senate Resolution No. 1835 was sponsored by Senators Allen, Brownlee, Jordan, O'Connor, Vratil, 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.*