

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1847

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Joe Bogner.

WHEREAS, Joe Bogner, President and owner of Western Beverage, Inc., has been named the Kansas Small Business Person of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration. His business, located in Dodge City and Hays, serves 29 western Kansas counties, employs 54 people and delivers nearly 1,500,000 cases of product annually; and

WHEREAS, The business was founded in 1960 by Mr. Bogner's father. While Mr. Bogner was in college he commenced working part-time in the business, but with his father suffering ill health he left the University of Kansas to run the business. The business prospered under his leadership achieving one million dollars in sales in 1978. Upon his father's death in 1985 he became the sole owner and expanded by buying a distributorship in Great Bend. In 1990 a major plant expansion was completed in Dodge City, and in 2000 he purchased an existing distributorship in Hays; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bogner has participated actively in affairs of his community. He helped secure grant funds for the Boot Hill Museum, and assisted the Boot Hill Reparatory Theatre in securing funds for the renovation of the Dodge City Depot for its performances. He has helped with the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo, Dodge City Days and the Garden City Beef Empire Days and Rodeo. Additionally, his company has sponsored baseball teams, golf tournaments and fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bogner is a member of the Kansas Beer Wholesalers Association and has served as president of the organization: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Joe Bogner upon being named the Kansas Small Business Person of the Year.

Senate Resolution No. 1847 was sponsored by Senator Tim Huelskamp.

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.*