

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1858

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Eric Sheets.

WHEREAS, Eric Sheets, a senior at Washburn University and a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, has been selected as one of 12 individuals to be awarded a Morris K. Udall Native American Congressional Internship this summer. The awards are given to Native Americans or Native Alaskans who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy, tribal law, Native American education, health, justice, natural resource protection or economic development. He is the first member of his tribe as well as the first student attending a Kansas college to receive this honor. He is working on a bachelor's degree in anthropology; and

WHEREAS, The internship will consist of spending 10 busy weeks in Washington, D.C. working in congressional offices or federal agencies to observe and learn something about the federal legislative process. Special activities will be scheduled to give the interns a chance to meet distinguished members of congress, supreme court justices, and directors and staff of federal agencies. Additionally, there will be specially arranged tours of federal buildings and museums. The interns receive airfare to and from the capitol, an allowance for expenses and living community-style close to the capitol hill with an on-site coordinator. They will also receive a \$1,200 stipend upon completion of the internship; and

WHEREAS, The internship program is sponsored and financed by the Morris K. Udall Foundation, which was authorized by congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service and is presently chaired by Terrence L. Bracy. One hundred twenty-six Native American and Native Alaskan students from 87 tribes have participated in the program to date; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheets' award is shared with his spouse Summer Sheets, his children Tyson and Bell Sheets, his parents Donald Sheets and Gail DuPuis, his sisters Crystal Sheets and Hannah Miller and his grandparents Francis and Mabel DuPuis and Kickapoo tribal chairman Russell Bradley; Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Eric Sheets upon being the first of his tribe and the first Kansas college student to be awarded a Morris K. Udall Native American Congressional Internship and hope that the experience is both rewarding and helpful in his future career.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution each to Senators Pyle and Hensley.

Senate Resolution No. 1858 was sponsored by Senators Dennis Pyle and Anthony Hensley.

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.*