

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1847

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2008 Emerging and Existing Businesses of the Year.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Small Business Development Center's Business of the Year awards are designed to recognize KSBDC clients for superior performance; and

WHEREAS, The KSBDC regional directors and staff select eight Emerging Business of the Year award recipients and eight Existing Business of the Year award recipients; and

WHEREAS, Emerging Business of the Year award recipients have demonstrated major accomplishments while establishing and growing the business, overcome significant obstacles, shown growth and impact based on the KSBDC Economic Impact Tracking spreadsheet, a clear vision for the future of the business and something unique to offer to their community; and

WHEREAS, Existing Business of the Year award recipients have achieved major accomplishments, overcome significant obstacles, shown growth and impact based on the KSBDC Economic Impact Tracking spreadsheet, a record of profitability and demonstrated good corporate citizenship through community contributions; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 KSBDC Emerging Businesses of the Year are Eagle Creek Vineyards, a vineyard in Olpe, Kansas, owned by Jo Ann Kuhlmann; Flower Cottage, a retail florist and gift shop in Quinter, Kansas, owned by Kathy and Robert Kuntz; Local Burger, a local food restaurant in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Hilary Brown; Longford Water Company, LLC, a bottled water company in Longford, Kansas, owned by Kim and Wava Kramer; Music House School of Music, a music education business in Overland Park, Kansas, owned by Aaron Sizemore and Katrinka Riggs; New Boston Creative Group, LLC, a marketing and communications company in Manhattan, Kansas, owned by Kristin Brighton, Susan Religa and Lisa Sisley; Oakview Estates Assisted Living, an assisted living facility in Frontenac, Kansas, owned by Mark Scales and Jason Lahr; and Oswalt Appraisals, a real estate appraisal company in Garden City, Kansas, owned by Alan Oswalt; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 KSBDC Existing Businesses of the Year are Acorn Valley Custom Cabinetry, a cabinetry business in Thayer, Kansas, owned by Jim Houston and Bob Greif; Avon Beauty Center, a retail cosmetics business in Overland Park, Kansas, owned by Elizabeth and George Demas; EmbroidMe, an embroidery business in Dodge City, Kansas, owned by Gavin and Kim Unruh; The Furniture Look, Inc., a retail furniture store in Hays, Kansas, owned by Karen Dreiling; Howard Pine's Garden Center & Greenhouses, a retail garden center in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Gerald Pine; Morrill Collision Repair, Inc., a collision repair and service center in Morrill, Kansas, owned by Lonnie and Melanie Teeter; Pet Sitting Pal, a pet sitting business in Emporia, Kansas, owned by Reneé Flott; and ServiceMaster Clean In a Wink, a residential and commercial cleaning service company in Wichita, Kansas, owned by Jerry E. Winkley; and

WHEREAS, The KSBDC Businesses of the Year serve as examples of the creativity and diversity that the many small businesses in Kansas provide to their communities: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2008 Emerging and Existing Businesses of the Year and wish all of them continued success in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide 17 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Karin Brownlee.

Senate Resolution No. 1847 was sponsored by Senator Karin Brownlee.

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.*