

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1858

A RESOLUTION in memory of Ray Shepherd.

WHEREAS, Ray Shepherd passed away Monday, March 2, 2009, at age 89. Mr. Shepherd is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary; their son, David and his wife Sharon; their daughter, Marilyn Warner and her husband Jim; their three grandchildren; and their two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepherd founded Ray Shepherd Motors in 1952 in Fort Scott, Kansas, which grew to become Shepherd Team Auto Plaza, serving thousands of customers from the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepherd's deep commitment to the Fort Scott community was demonstrated through his membership in First Christian Church, Rotary, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and White Shrine; through serving as President of Fort Scott Industries and the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce and as Chairman of Bourbon County United Way and the Security State Bank; and

WHEREAS, Ray Shepherd further served the community as a board member for Mercy Hospital, the Small Business Administration and the Automotive Technology Board of Pittsburg State University; as well as serving on the Ford Motor Company Governmental Affairs Committee for the State of Kansas, the State of Kansas Bank Commission and two terms as a Kansas State Highway Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepherd also served the auto industry he loved so much through working on many dealer councils and advertising associations, serving as President of the Kansas Automobile Dealers Association and providing nine years of service on the Board of Directors of the National Automobile Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Ray Shepherd was honored as the Time Magazine National Quality Dealer of the Year at the NADA Convention in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Ray Shepherd's service to his community and customers made him a business icon for Fort Scott and a model citizen for all of Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor Ray Shepherd for the service he provided for his community and that we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary, family and friends; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide three enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Bob Marshall.

Senate Resolution No. 1858 was sponsored by Senator Bob Marshall.

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.*