

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6023

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2009 Businesses of the year.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) is to increase economic prosperity in Kansas by helping entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow their businesses through professional consulting, training and resources; 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, The Kansas Small Business Development Center's Business of the Year awards are designed to recognize KSBDC clients for superior performance; 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 2009 KSBDC Emerging Businesses of the Year are Flint Hills Laser Expressions in Emporia, Kansas, owned by Rick and Rhonda Robidou; Tischlerei, Inc. in Osborne, Kansas, owned by Olaf Gerhardt; Ewe Specialties, LLC and Special Occasions in Garden City, Kansas, owned by Louaine Knoll and Sondra Baird; Marathon Moving & Delivery, LLC in Overland Park, Kansas, owned by Roger Lee Ward III and Dana Marie Ward; Sweetlove Farm, LLC in Oskaloosa, Kansas, owned by Phil and Sally Holman-Hebert; Tallgrass Brewing Company in Manhattan, Kansas, owned by Jeff Gill; Long's Ranch & Pet Supply in Clay Center, Kansas, owned by Barrett and Stacie Long; and

WHEREAS, The 2009 KSBDC Existing Businesses of the Year are Kraus Electric, LLC in Scranton, Kansas, owned by Lee and Elizabeth Kraus; Completely Kids in Great Bend, Kansas, owned by Dana and Roger Long; Nature's Way Health Food in Garden City, Kansas, owned by Velma Diehl and Janice Olson; The BBQ Shack in Paola, Kansas, owned by Rick Schoenberger; Oliver Electric Construction in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Robert and Deidre Oliver; Higher Calling Technologies, LLC in Parsons, Kansas, owned by Greg and Suzie York and Mike and Kim Meyer; Custom Tree Care, Inc. in Topeka, Kansas, owned by Greg Gathers; Cannonball Engineering, LLC in Kingman, Kansas, owned by Terry and Debbie Schrag; and

WHEREAS, The KSBDC Businesses of the Year serve as examples of the success that the KSBDC and small business owners across Kansas can achieve: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2009 Emerging and Existing Businesses of the Year and wish all of them and the KSBDC continued success in the future.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*