

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1854

A RESOLUTION welcoming and saluting the members of the Ukraine Delegation to the State of Kansas through the Open World Program of the Library of Congress.

WHEREAS, The Library of Congress sponsors the Open World Program, which brings emerging leaders from Russia, Ukraine and other post-Soviet states to the United States in order to give them firsthand exposure to the American system of participatory democracy and free enterprise; and

WHEREAS, The principles of accountability, transparency and citizen involvement in government are among the concepts emphasized by the Open World Program. The program is administered by the Open World Leadership Center, an independent entity established in the U.S. legislative branch in 2000; and

WHEREAS, The mission statement of the Open World Program is: To enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and the countries of Eurasia and the Baltic States by developing a network of leaders in the region who have gained significant, firsthand exposure to America's democratic, accountable government and free-market system; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Ukraine delegation are with us today through the efforts of the International Visitors Council of Greater Kansas City for a week of activities centered around the theme "Accountable Government." The members of the delegation are Valeriy Mykolayovych Oliynyk, Serhiy Ivanovych Harhat, Oleh Vasylovych Kulinich, Mariya Dmytrivna Porchuk, Serhiy Petrovych Yaremenko and Oleh Mykhaylovych Kurakov; and

WHEREAS, We are especially pleased to have this delegation visit the State of Kansas, as the city of Prairie Village is the sister city to Serhiy Ivanovych Harhat's home town of Dolyna in the Ukraine. We warmly acknowledge our esteemed visitors: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we hereby welcome and salute the members of the Ukraine Delegation and extend them our greetings and best wishes; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide six enrolled copies of this resolution, one for each of the members of the Ukraine delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1854 was sponsored by Senator Terrie W. Huntington.

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.*