

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1864

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ray Woods of Independence, Kansas, for being the most-traveled citizen in Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, Ray Woods of Independence, Kansas, has recently completed his life-long goal of visiting every country, as well as many places not officially recognized, for a total of 319 destinations across the world; and

WHEREAS, Ray was born in Kansas, graduated from the University of Kansas, and is Vice President of Woods Lumber and Independence ReadyMix in Independence, where he lives with his family. He also served as President of the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Ray has always had an adventurous spirit, whether it came to his early travel aspirations with his grandmother, his time spent with the Peace Corps in the Philippines, or his visionary leadership in expanding his business into new areas; and

WHEREAS, Not only has Ray visited common vacation destinations, but he has also traveled to remote and dangerous places, such as Antarctica, Libya, Iran and Iraq. He was the first Westerner to visit Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban, as well as being one of very few tourists to have seen North Korea. He completed his travel list in Scotland, which he saved as a special destination, as much of his family heritage comes from there; and

WHEREAS, Ray was the recipient of the “Special Award” designation with The Travelers’ Century Club, an exclusive club whose members each have visited at least 100 countries. He also ranked as one of the top world travelers by the Most Traveled People Website; and

WHEREAS, Ray has been very generous with the knowledge he has learned of the world, often speaking to community groups about his travels, and has come to believe that no matter where you go in the world, people are friendly by nature: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Ray Woods for achieving his unique accomplishment of having visited 319 destinations around the world, and for his outstanding leadership, generosity and service to his community, and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send three enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator D. Schmidt.

Senate Resolution No. 1864 was sponsored by Senators D. Schmidt, Marshall and Schodorf.

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.*