

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1721

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Small Business Development Center's  
2017 Businesses of the Year.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Kansas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a member of the national organization, America's SBDC, is to increase economic prosperity in Kansas by helping entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow their businesses through professional consulting and training and the identification of appropriate resources; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas SBDC regional directors and staff selected eight Emerging Business of the Year award recipients, eight Existing Business of the Year award recipients and one Exporting Business of the Year award recipient; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The 2017 Kansas SBDC Emerging Businesses of the Year are: Cowgirl Creations and Design in Saint Francis, Kansas, owned by Allison Grice; Gorilla Country in Pittsburg, Kansas, owned by Steve Scott; HECO Heating & Cooling, LLC, in Liberal, Kansas, owned by Rafael Figueroa; Limestone Pizza Kitchen Bar in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Debbie Rascoll and Rick Martin; Mulready's Pub in Emporia, Kansas, owned by Rick Becker; Reverie Coffee Roasters in Wichita, Kansas, founded by Andrew Gough; Sprout Communications in Topeka, Kansas, owned by Caleb Asher; and Town Square in Paola, Kansas, owned by Michelle A. Kaiser; and

WHEREAS, The 2017 Kansas SBDC Existing Businesses of the Year are: Audacious Boutique in Iola, Kansas, owned by Kelly Sigg; Heartland Mill, Inc., in Marienthal, Kansas, owned by Mark Nightengale; Jason Wright Electric in Olathe, Kansas, owned by Jason Wright; Primary Color Music in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Sam Billen; PWI, Inc., in Wichita, Kansas, owned by Judy Baldwin and Robi Lorik; Quality Profile Services, Inc., in Council Grove, Kansas, owned by John and Karen True; Second Chance Ranch in Goodland, Kansas, owned by Todd Trzcinski; and Toto's Tacoz! in Wamego, Kansas, owned by Craig and Colleen Lord; and

WHEREAS, The 2017 Kansas SBDC Exporting Business of the Year is GT Manufacturing, Inc., in Clay Center, Kansas, owned by James Sampson and Dennis Pedersen; and

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

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the Kansas Small Business Development Center's 2017 Emerging, Existing and Exporting Businesses of the Year and wish all of them, the Kansas SBDC and America's SBDC continued success in the future; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 20 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Holland.

Senate Resolution No. 1721 was sponsored by Senators Holland, Baumgardner, Billinger, Estes, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Givens, Goddard, Haley, Hawk, Kelly, Kerschen, LaTurner, Longbine, Lynn, McGinn, Olson, Petersen, Pettey, Pilcher-Cook, Rogers, V. Schmidt, Skubal and Suellentrop.

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.*