

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1727

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and public service of John William Crutcher.

WHEREAS, John William Crutcher, former Kansas Senator and Lieutenant Governor, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2017, at the age of 100, at his home in Jefferson, North Carolina, after a long life dedicated to public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutcher was born in Ensign, Kansas, on December 19, 1916. He graduated from Hutchinson Community College and the University of Kansas and lived in and near Hutchinson, Kansas, for almost 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutcher served as a Navy Officer in the Pacific Theater of World War II and in the Korean War, and he retired as a Captain in the United States Naval Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutcher served in the Kansas Senate from 1953-1957 and also served two terms as a Lieutenant Governor under both Republican Governor Bill Avery and Democratic Governor Robert Docking; and

WHEREAS, Following his time in state government, Mr. Crutcher held a multitude of positions in the federal government, including as an administrative assistant to United States Senator Bob Dole; an appointee to the Office of Economic Opportunity; and Director of Outdoor Recreation for the Department of the Interior. Mr. Crutcher also was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the Postal Rate Commission, a position he held for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, John Crutcher befriended, mentored and enabled many Kansans, including Kansas State Senate colleague and former United States Ambassador George W. Haley and his wife Doris M. Haley and current Kansas State Senator David B. Haley and his sister, attorney Anne P. Haley (Brown); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutcher retired and left Washington D.C. to settle down with his wife, Edith, to whom he would be married for 45 years, in her home state of North Carolina, where he was laid to rest on March 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, John William Crutcher was known as a world traveler, writer and lecturer on politics and culture and as a treasured public servant, both in the State of Kansas and the United States: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor the life and public service of John William Crutcher and extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator David Haley and to Mrs. Edith Crutcher.

Senate Resolution No. 1727 was sponsored by Senator David Haley.

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.*