

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1765

A RESOLUTION honoring the 30th anniversary of the Parents as Teachers program in Kansas.

WHEREAS, Over the past 30 years, Parents as Teachers has provided support, information and resources to families with young children in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Parents as Teachers' mission is to build strong communities, thriving families and children that are healthy, safe and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, The program accomplishes its mission by matching parents and caregivers with trained professionals who make regular, personal home visits during a child's earliest years of life; and

WHEREAS, Parents as Teachers uses a research-based curriculum to provide parents with the skills and knowledge they need to help make the best decisions for their child's education and healthy development; and

WHEREAS, Parents as Teachers also includes personal visits, group connections, health, vision, hearing and developmental screenings and other supportive community services for family connections; and

WHEREAS, Children whose families participated in the Parents as Teachers program score higher in symbolic development, math concepts, written language and communication and are more likely to be identified at an earlier age for health or developmental concerns resulting in referrals to school and community services for early intervention; and

WHEREAS, Parents as Teachers embraces learning experiences that are relevant and customized for the individual needs of each family and child; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations that use the Parents as Teachers curriculum benefit from understanding the evolving needs of today's families and children: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor Parents as Teachers for its 30 years of service and dedication to Kansas families; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1765 was sponsored by Senators Pettey, Alley, Baumgardner, Berger, Billinger, Bollier, Bowers, Braun, Denning, Doll, Estes, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Givens, Goddard, Haley, Hardy, Hawk, Hensley, Hilderbrand, Holland, Kerschen, Longbine, Lynn, Masterson, McGinn, Miller, Olson, Petersen, Pyle, Rucker, Skubal, Suellentrop, Sykes, Taylor, Thompson, Tyson, Wagle, Ware and Wilborn.

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.*