

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1747

A RESOLUTION recognizing Storytime Village, Inc., for its work in giving young Kansas children the opportunity for a better future through its literacy programs.

WHEREAS, According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, children who are proficient in reading by the end of third grade are more likely to graduate from high school and be economically successful in adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Many underserved populations in Kansas are lacking the quality literacy skills essential for future success in school and life; and

WHEREAS, Storytime Village, Inc., under the leadership of founder and CEO Prisca Barnes, has been working to provide literacy programs for children since 2009; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, Storytime Village, Inc., celebrated its 15th anniversary, honoring its history of helping Kansas children, beginning at birth through age eight, thrive through partnerships that provide early childhood development, family engagement involving reading, access to books, advocacy and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Supported by parents and the help of many dedicated volunteers, Storytime Village, Inc., inspires children, regardless of their socio-economic background, race or gender, to read by providing them with free books and literacy resources; and

WHEREAS, March 20, 2024, is designated as the 7th Annual Literacy Day at the Capitol, which will address the literacy achievement gap in the state of Kansas by focusing on early literacy and mobilizing high school students to raise their voice through meetings with legislators, panel discussions and an advocacy workshop, with the theme, "The Right to Read: Helping our Youngest Thrive through Literacy.": Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize Storytime Village, Inc., for its work in giving young Kansas children the opportunity for a better future through its literacy programs; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Prisca Barnes and Senators Faust Goudeau and Blasi.

Senate Resolution No. 1747 was sponsored by Senators Oletha Faust Goudeau and Chase Blasi.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.