

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1729

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Small Business Development Center's  
2013 Businesses of the Year.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) is to increase economic prosperity in Kansas by helping entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow their businesses through professional consulting, training and resources; and

WHEREAS, The KSBDC regional directors and staff select eight Emerging Business of the Year award recipients and eight Existing Business of the Year award recipients; and

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

WHEREAS, Existing Business of the Year Award recipients have achieved major accomplishments, overcome significant obstacles, shown growth and impact based on the KSBDC Economic Impact Tracking spreadsheet, a record of profitability and demonstrated good corporate citizenship through community contributions; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 KSBDC Emerging Businesses of the Year are: Ash, LLC in Emporia, Kansas, owned by Amy and Steve Harmon; Oberlin Knife Shop in Oberlin, Kansas, owned by J.W. and Deborah Smith; Pumpkin Paradise, LLC in Sublette, Kansas, owned by Steve and Janet Weidner; New York Dawg Pound in Overland Park, Kansas, owned by Sal Frustaci and Will Brown; Lawrence Montessori School in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Purvis and Tiraz Birdie; Sweet Designs Cakery in Pittsburg, Kansas, owned by Heather and Roger Horton, Jr.; Absolute Dimensions, LLC in Wichita, Kansas, owned by Stephen Brittain and Michael Rickords; and Seneca Variety in Seneca, Kansas, owned by Dona and Jack Willmeth; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 KSBDC Existing Businesses of the Year are: Kessler Kreations in Hillsboro, Kansas, owned by Marie Kessler; Hays Fire & Rescue Sales and Service, LLC in Hays, Kansas, owned by Kelvin and DeAnn Meyers; Sunflower Creations in Copeland, Kansas, owned by Gerald and Lois Nichols; Molly's Table, LLC in Paola, Kansas, owned by Donna Nagle; Mid Star Lab, Inc. in Edwardsville, Kansas, owned by Kari and Ron Wagner; HayesBrand Molding, Inc. in Garnett, Kansas, owned by the Hayes Family; Ohlde's Dairy, Inc. in Linn, Kansas, owned by Steve and Cindi Ohlde, Justin and Becky Ohlde, and Kyler Ohlde; and Pat the Plumber, LLC, in Topeka, Kansas, owned by Pat and Jennifer Grogan; and

WHEREAS, The KSBDC Businesses of the Year serve as examples of the success that the KSBDC 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 2013 Emerging and Existing Businesses of the Year and wish all of them and the KSBDC continued success in the future; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1729 was sponsored by Senators Holland, Abrams, Apple, Arpke, Bowers, Denning, Faust-Goudeau, Fitzgerald, Francisco, Haley, Hawk, Hensley, Kelly, LaTurner, Longbine, Love, Lynn, McGinn, Melcher, O'Donnell, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pettey, V. Schmidt, Tyson and Wolf.

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.*