

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1712

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kansas Small Business Development Center's  
2023 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 in a wide variety of industries across the state to start and grow their businesses through professional consulting and training and the identification of appropriate resources; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas SBDC has supported over 104,229 clients, offered 21,454 training classes, taught over 228,995 training attendees and spent 501,259 hours in counseling small businesses; and

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

WHEREAS, The 16 Kansas SBDC award recipients will be recognized during the Kansas SBDC Annual Awards Ceremony on March 2, 2023; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 2023 Kansas SBDC Emerging Businesses of the Year are: Trox Gallery and Gifts in Emporia, Kansas, owned by Kaila Mock; GTR Limousine & Party Services in Great Bend, Kansas, owned by Ruth Joiner; Cap Creations in Olathe, Kansas, owned by Rashawnda Wright; Lyons Realty Group in Fort Scott, Kansas, owned by Bailey Lyons; Hickory Hollow in Spearville, Kansas, owned by Allison Langlois; Coldsteel Sluggers LLC in Manhattan, Kansas, owned by Kris Wetherington; Sew In 2 Quilts in Hutchinson, Kansas, owned by Karna Lackey; and Fields & Ivy Brewery in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Cory Johnston; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 Kansas SBDC Existing Businesses of the Year are: Allen Meat Processing in Allen, Kansas, owned by Donna and Mike Uhl; Little Building Blocks Daycare in Gardner, Kansas, owned by Marcia Booton; Braden Peak's Roto-Rooter Plumbing and Draining Services in Pittsburg, Kansas, owned by Braden Peak; Stumpy's Smoked Cheese in Topeka, Kansas, owned by Quint and Stacy Cook; Wichita Pet Wellness in Wichita, Kansas, owned by Christy Rafferty; Home Sweet Home Dog Resort in Lawrence, Kansas, owned by Anthony Barnett; and RSVP MedSpa and Cosmetic Eye Institute in Overland Park, Kansas, owned by Selena Fu; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 Kansas SBDC Exporting Business of the Year is Aero-Mod Inc. in Manhattan, Kansas, owned by Todd Steinbach and Rob Mahan; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas SBDC award recipients 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 2023 Businesses of the Year; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we wish all of the award recipients, 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 25 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Holland.

Senate Resolution No. 1712 was sponsored by Senators Holland, Erickson, Alley, Baumgardner, Dietrich, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Longbine, Masterson, O'Shea, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Sykes, Ware and Warren.

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*