

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1741

A RESOLUTION honoring the outstanding achievements of William James "Bill" Noble.

WHEREAS, William James "Bill" Noble of Milford, Kansas, was one of the most successful race car drivers in Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) history, achieving five SCCA National Championships and 13 podium finishes over the course of his career; and

WHEREAS, A worldwide icon in the field of motorsport, Noble represented the United States at South Africa's Kyalami circuit in 1986. Noble received the Road Racing Driver's Club Mark Donohue Award in 1989 and the Valvoline ProVee Championship in 1994; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his success as a driver, Noble was renowned among his fellow racers for his expertise in engine building. According to the SCCA, Noble was "a pillar and driving force in the Formula Vee class," and his famous "At Track Service" was instrumental in assuring "an unprecedented level playing field" for Formula Vee racers. In 2011, the SCCA recognized Noble's engines, designated by the famous "Engine by Noble" sticker, for leading Formula Vee racers to 25 National Championships; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Noble was posthumously inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame Class for his many contributions to motorsport; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Region of the SCCA grants the Bill Noble Award to drivers who embody Noble's shining standard in mechanical expertise, driving and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Noble was also a noted and highly skilled marksman, qualifying twice as an alternate for the U.S.A. Olympic Trap Shooting Team and winning the World Fliers Championship in 1984: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we honor the outstanding achievements of William James "Bill" Noble; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Holland.

Senate Resolution No. 1741 was sponsored by Senator Tom Holland.

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.