

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1811

A RESOLUTION congratulating the economic development efforts
of the McPherson, Kansas community.

WHEREAS, The economic development efforts within the McPherson, Kansas community are guided by McPherson Industrial Development Company (MIDC); and

WHEREAS, MIDC, in partnership with the City of McPherson, McPherson County and the McPherson Board of Public Utilities, has worked since 1959 to build a strong industrial base in McPherson that now includes six industrial parks and 50 manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, MIDC, through its visionary leadership for the McPherson community, continually seeks to sharpen the focus of its economic development efforts and further position the community for industrial relocation and expansion; and

WHEREAS, In its vision, MIDC engaged in the CompetitiveReady process, which evaluates and scores communities in 10 categories based on the stringent criteria typically used by site selectors when screening communities for business locations; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of the MIDC, McPherson is the first community in Kansas to successfully earn the CompetitiveReady designation; and

WHEREAS, McPherson, Kansas is one of only two communities in the entire nation to have successfully earned the CompetitiveReady designation; and

WHEREAS, A number of factors were credited in the city's CompetitiveReady designation, including a favorable manufacturing environment, business-friendly leadership and a good quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Evaluators in the CompetitiveReady process noted the city's low electric rates, access to rail service, existing infrastructure, quality schools, skilled workforce, low cost of living, strong community pride and amenities such as an opera house, arts center, golf course and parks system as critical factors in attracting and retaining a business base: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate McPherson Industrial Development Company, its board of directors, the City of McPherson, McPherson County, and McPherson Board of Public Utilities for their successful efforts to develop and sustain a strong business base in the McPherson, Kansas community; and

Be it further resolved: That we recognize the McPherson, Kansas community now carries the CompetitiveReady designation as a signal to companies throughout the world that it is fully equipped to support their business growth and expansion and that such designation is a source of great pride for the City of McPherson, McPherson County and the entire state of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That we recognize the leadership, public service, dedication and economic development approach of McPherson Industrial Development Company and its board members as a model for communities throughout Kansas and across our nation; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send two enrolled copies of this resolution to MIDC, one enrolled copy to the City of McPherson, one enrolled copy to the County of McPherson and one enrolled copy to the McPherson Board of Public Utilities.

Senate Resolution No. 1811 was sponsored by Senator Jay Scott Emler.

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.