



Whereas, the members of the Missouri Senate hold in high esteem those Show-Me State entrepreneurial businesses that admirably broaden and deepen the economic foundations of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, E&K Retail of Kansas City, Missouri, entered into a partnership with Green Beans Coffee of San Rafael, California, to open Green Beans Osteria in Terminal B of the Newark Liberty Airport on January 25, 2014, just in time to serve customers arriving for Super Bowl XLVIII; and

Whereas, E&K Retail is owned by Elliott Threatt of Kansas City, MO and Green Beans Coffee was founded by Jason and Jon Araghi, who received the Ernst & Young Northern California Entrepreneurs of the Year Award for Corporate Social Responsibility; and

Whereas, Green Beans Coffee is ranked number 144 on the INC 500's list of America's fastest growing companies; and

Whereas, Green Beans Coffee opened the "Honor First, Coffee Second" café at the United States Army Base in Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in 1998; launched the "Bag Of Joe For A Joe" online initiative in 2011 that lets people send a whole bag of super-premium coffee to troops on the front lines who can't access a Green Beans café; opened twenty-five new café locations in 2011 for International Security Assistance Force (NATO) troops in Afghanistan, including three that serve United States Marines at Camp Leatherneck; opened airport locations in Nashville and San Antonio in 2011; and partnered with Snowball Express in 2012 to assist the children and spouses of soldiers who have passed away; and

Whereas, also in 2012, Green Beans Coffee representatives were invited to Facebook's headquarters to give a presentation to Mark Zuckerberg and his global team about how the Facebook platform has helped in the mission to support troops through Cup Of Joe For A Joe; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri Senate should pause in its diverse legislative duties in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri businesses as E&K Retail at momentous times in its history:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, join to applaud the business partnership of E&K Retail and Green Beans Coffee and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for the success of their Green Beans Osteria operation at Newark Liberty Airport; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of E&K Retail and its partnership with Green Beans Coffee.

Offered by Senator LeVota

STATE OF MISSOURI:

CITY OF JEFFERSON:

SENATE CHAMBER: ^{ss}

I, TOM DEMPSEY, President Pro Tem of the Senate, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and completed copy of Senate Resolution No. 1380 offered into and adopted on February 17, 2014, as fully as the same appears of record.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Senate of the State of Missouri this 17th day of February, A.D. 2014.



PRESIDENT PRO TEM
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY