

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1821

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ben Vidricksen.

WHEREAS, Ben Vidricksen of Salina has retired after 21 years of service in the Kansas Senate representing the constituents of Senate District No. 24; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vidricksen's senate activities included service as the Assistant Majority Leader, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and Utilities, Governmental Organization, Legislative and Congressional Apportionment and the Joint Committee on State Building Construction, plus membership on the Confirmations Oversight, Federal and State Affairs, Interstate Cooperation and Organization, Calendar and Rules Committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vidricksen was instrumental in the passage of two comprehensive state highway plans, including widening of U.S. Highway 81 north of Salina to the Nebraska border; updating and refurbishing of the Capitol building, including the project to place the Ad Astra sculpture on the Capitol dome; support of veterans interests including establishment of the Kansas Veterans Home at Winfield, the state veterans cemetery program and repair of Kansas Armories; and was an active promoter of Kansas education and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Ben Vidricksen has been a stalwart member of the Salina community having owned and managed rental properties and operated a catering business there. A former chairperson of Saline County Republicans, he also was active in the North Salina Business Association, the Salina Chamber of Commerce and the Salina Convention and Tourism Bureau as well as several civic organizations: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Senator Vidricksen upon completion of 21 years of dedicated service to the Kansas Legislature and the citizens of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Ben Vidricksen, 1427 W. Republic, Salina, Kansas 67401.

Senate Resolution No. 1821 was sponsored by Senators Morris, Gooch, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

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.