

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1823

A RESOLUTION supporting and encouraging Governor Joan Finney.

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney served as Governor of Kansas from 1991 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney was the first, and to date, the only woman elected to the highest office in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney served the people of Kansas as State Treasurer from 1975 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney gave tirelessly and selflessly to the people of Kansas, dedicating her energy, optimism, openness and faith to serving the people of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney provided extraordinary service to the people of Kansas, trusting in their wisdom, sharing their aspirations, respecting their traditions and treating every person as a friend and knowing many of them on a first-name basis; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney has a proud legacy of leadership as Governor of Kansas, providing leadership on many major initiatives including the last major reforms of public school funding and the state's workers compensation laws; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney has been a steward of taxpayer dollars, having long been an advocate for tax justice for the hard working families of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney is now ill and dealing with the challenges of cancer: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* On behalf of the Senate and all the people of Kansas, we express our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to Governor Joan Finney for her many years of exceptional public service to the people of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* We further express our gratitude to the Finney family, and especially to Spencer Finney, for their support of Governor Finney's service to the people of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* We offer Governor Finney, truly one of Kansas' most adored native daughters, and the entire Finney family our heartfelt prayers and thoughts during her time of illness; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Governor Joan Finney and Spencer Finney, 4209 SW Emland Drive, Topeka, Kansas 66606.

Senate Resolution No. 1823 was sponsored by Senators Hensley, Kerr and Oleen.

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.*