

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1820

A RESOLUTION in memory of Roger Hume Franzke.

WHEREAS, Roger Hume Franzke was born on June 4, 1927, to Edward W. and Lenora Hume Franzke in Wellington, Kansas. Roger had two brothers, Charles and John; and

WHEREAS, Roger moved to Topeka, Kansas as a young child where he attended Potwin Elementary School and Roosevelt Junior High School and graduated from Topeka High School in 1945 and Washburn University in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Roger was a devoted family man. Roger married Madelyn Fleek on December 18, 1948. Together they shared 52 years of marriage; four children—Suzanne, Mark, Sally and David; and nine grandchildren—Tyler, Michael, Timothy, Christopher, Mark, Megan, Sarah, David and Sidney; and

WHEREAS, Roger, a vice-president at First National Bank was eulogized by his son-in-law, Jimmy, as a man with overflowing accounts—Roger's Family Account, Friendship Account, Community Service Account and Spiritual Account; and

WHEREAS, Roger also was eulogized by his son-in-law, John, as a passionate and committed man, who approached life with a sense of humor that was unique to Roger; and

WHEREAS, Roger's strong commitment to his community was shown not merely by being a member of the many community organizations to which he belonged, but also by serving as a leader of those organizations: Roger was a fifty-year member of Lowman United Methodist Church; a member of the board of directors of the United Methodist Home; a member of the board of trustees of the Washburn Endowment Association; a member of the Mulvane Art Center board; a past president and chairman of the board of the YMCA; a past president and chairman of the board of the Topeka Cosmopolitan Club; a past president of Downtown Topeka, Inc.; and a past president of Kansas Native Sons and Daughters. Roger also served on the board of directors of the Shawnee Country Club, the Topeka Community Foundation, the Topeka Festival Singers and the Topeka Civic Theatre. Roger also served as a volunteer for the United Way fund drive; and

WHEREAS, Roger was a talented artist and took up painting as a hobby. In 1991, he received the People's Choice Award from the Artist's Association for one of his watercolors. In 2001, the United Way of Greater Topeka posthumously honored Roger by selecting him as its Key Club artist; presenting members of the Key Club with a limited edition print of a watercolor landscape painted by Roger in 1994. When Roger painted his grandchildren, he captured their personalities in what he called "Portraits with Attitude"; and

WHEREAS, Roger had a long and varied career-life. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was an art director for the Harvey Advertising Agency before he became a partner in the Emerson Franzke Advertising Agency. In 1965, he received the Silver Medal Award as Topeka Advertising Man of the Year. He later joined First National Bank and served as a senior vice president; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from First National Bank, Roger joined Kansas Governmental Consulting as a legislative consultant to the Kansas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Roger was an avid golfer whose love of the game was shared with his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Friendship was an important aspect of Roger's life; Roger cherished and was cherished by his friends; and

WHEREAS, Roger could be described as a kind gentleman, but truly, he was a kind and gentle man; and

WHEREAS, Roger died June 20, 2001, and will be missed deeply at home, on the golf course, in the community and in the halls of the Statehouse by his friends, and especially, by his family; Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Roger Hume Franzke; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide six enrolled copies of this resolution to Mrs. Roger Franzke at 5631 S.W. Hawick Lane, Topeka, KS, 66614.

Senate Resolution No. 1820 was sponsored by Senator Lynn Jenkins.

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.*