

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1837

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Linda Richey Graves.

WHEREAS, Linda Richey Graves has served the citizens of Kansas with distinction as the First Lady of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Linda Graves is congratulated and commended for her efforts in restoring Cedar Crest, the Kansas governor's residence. She led the efforts to raise \$2.2 million in private funds to restore the home, and she has been honored by the Kansas Preservation Alliance with its Award for Excellence, an award given annually to recognize exemplary preservation projects in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, As our First Lady, Linda Graves has made the well-being of Kansas children the cornerstone of her work. She is the honorary chairperson of Operation Immunize, a nationally recognized, statewide effort to insure timely childhood immunizations, and the Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative, a program designed to enhance the health of Kansas women. Earlier this year, President George W. Bush appointed her to the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. She is a director of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, and has served as the chairperson of the Community Foundation of Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, Linda Graves was born in Topeka and is the daughter of Ronald and Florence Richey. She earned a degree in history, graduating magna cum laude from Oklahoma State University, and was awarded a law degree, cum laude, from the Washburn University School of Law in Topeka. Mrs. Graves joined the Kansas City law firm of Levy and Craig, P.C., an 80-year old firm specializing in business law. She was honored to be the first woman admitted to partnership in the firm. She holds an honorary Doctorate of Law degree from Baker University and was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from Washburn University in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Linda Graves has served as an admirable role model for Kansas girls through her accomplishments in academic, professional and public service pursuits. She has also served our state through her steadfast commitment to support Governor Bill Graves in his service as the state's chief executive: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Linda Richey Graves for her work and accomplishments as Kansas' First Lady and for the example she has set for the women and girls of Kansas. We express our appreciation to her, on behalf of all Kansans, for her dedicated service to our state, and we wish her well in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. Graves.

Senate Resolution No. 1837 was sponsored by Senator David Adkins.

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.