

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1859

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Denis Shumate.

WHEREAS, Denis Shumate, the superintendent of the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility, has been selected as the first Kansan to receive the American Correctional Association's E.R. Cass Award, an award given by the organization to two correctional professionals each year. The award represents the highest honor for leadership in corrections, innovations and tenure. He was nominated for the award by Albert Murray, Commissioner of the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shumate has given over 40 years of service to the state of Kansas. He started working at the Beloit facility in 1963 and has been the superintendent since 1966. As a member of the American Correctional Association standards committee from 1981 to 1996 he helped develop or rewrite many of the current standards of humane confinement and effective treatments. He serves on the association's board of governors and has done correctional consulting work in nearly every state in the nation. Under his leadership the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility was the first facility of its type in the state to be accredited by the American Correctional Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shumate is an incredible asset to the state because he has been able to balance the needs of young people and the desires of the public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shumate holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Fort Hays State University in psychology. He and his wife, Karen, have two married sons and three grandchildren: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Denis Shumate upon being awarded the E.R. Cass Award from the American Correctional Association and for over 40 years of dedicated service to the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility and the State of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide three enrolled copies of this resolution to Denis Shumate, Superintendent, Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility, 1720 N. Hersey, Beloit, Kansas 67420-0427.

Senate Resolution No. 1859 was sponsored by Senator Janis K. Lee.

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.*