

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6006

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ben F. Barrett.

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett retired December 6, 2002, after serving nearly six years as the Director of the Kansas Legislative Research Department; and

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett commenced working for the Legislative Research Department in 1964 as a legislative intern; he became the Associate Director in 1978 and Director in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett, as Director of the Legislative Research Department, ensured an outstanding nonpartisan work product by Research Department employees and facilitated critical yet fair analysis by the staff; and

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett was known throughout the legislature and state for his years of working with education policy. He became known as the top education specialist in state government, particularly through his able staffing of the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee and showed himself to be highly motivated and innovative in helping to formulate state educational policy. On countless occasions, he responded to legislative inquiries in an open and straightforward manner demonstrating his knowledge of state educational policy to the legislature, state agencies, educational organizations, the media and the residents of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett was the consummate professional; his technical skills were matched only by his skilled diplomacy, and he was masterful at anticipating issues and managing information and people to accomplish results. He has clearly earned the respect of past and present legislators; and

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett was a member of the State General Fund Consensus Revenue Estimating Group, and served in that capacity with distinction and honor; and

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett enjoys the outdoors and intends to become an expert fisherman and spend time in the quiet seclusion of a peaceful mountain stream where no one will ask him about local option budgets; and

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett was born in Topeka, Kansas, and reared in Florence, Kansas. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science/history/education from Washburn University and a master's degree in political science from the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Ben F. Barrett is married to Corinne (Corky) Moran Barrett. They have a daughter, Angie Barrett, and a son, Dan Barrett, and are proud grandparents of eight grandchildren: Andrew, Anthony, and Andrea Douglas, and Alex, Megan, Jason, Benjamin, and Nathan Barrett: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Ben F. Barrett for his 38 years of devoted service to the state of Kansas and for the legacy of professional excellence he leaves after his many years as Associate Director and Director of the Kansas State Legislative Research Department.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.