

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6012

A RESOLUTION in memory of Sheriff John Foster.

WHEREAS, John Foster, the Sheriff of Johnson County, died March 6; and

WHEREAS, John Foster, 67, was a lifelong resident of Johnson County and Kansas. He attended elementary school at Hickory Grove Grade School in Mission and graduated from Shawnee Mission Rural High School, now Shawnee Mission North. He graduated from Wichita State University, where he received both bachelor and master level degrees; and

WHEREAS, John Foster served the people of Johnson County and Kansas in law enforcement for nearly 50 years. He joined the Johnson County Sheriff's Patrol in 1956, serving four years, before becoming the Assistant Police Chief for the City of Fairway for a period of 11 years. He assumed the position of Police Chief for the City of Lenexa, where he served 20 years, and retired from that position in 1991. After a very brief retirement, he was appointed Under-sheriff by Sheriff Fred Allenbrand; and

WHEREAS, John Foster was elected Sheriff of Johnson County in November of 2000, with oversight of and responsibility for one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, John Foster was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, a life member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association and served as President of that Association on two different occasions. He was a member of the Kansas Association of Police Chiefs, the Johnson County Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, the Kansas Sheriffs Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Association. Furthermore, John Foster graduated from the FBI National Academy; and

WHEREAS, John Foster served as an adjunct instructor at Johnson County Community College and at Wichita State University's undergraduate and graduate schools; and

WHEREAS, John Foster married Karen M. Foster. They have five children, four daughters and a son, and four granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, John Foster consistently showed great integrity in serving the people of Kansas and ensuring their safety: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we express our condolences to the family of John Foster, and express our appreciation for the public service he gave to his city, county and state.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*