

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1806

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Major General Gregory B. Gardner.

WHEREAS, Major General Gregory B. Gardner served as the Adjutant General of Kansas from February 10, 1999, to October 31, 2003. In this position he served also as the Director of Kansas Emergency Management and as the Director of Homeland Security for the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, General Gardner was responsible for the preparation of over 8,000 citizen soldiers and airmen to support the nation's involvement in Iraq, coordinated state and local government agencies when natural disasters occurred in the state and was responsible for leading our state's response to terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, General Gardner's involvement with terrorism commenced before the tragic events of September 11, 2001; he participated nationally on panels and in exercises like Dark Winter, where he served as an advisor and representative of the state's perspective on bio-terrorism; Crimson Sky, an agroterrorism exercise, and many more; and

WHEREAS, General Gardner entered the Air National Guard as a distinguished graduate of the University of Hawaii Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1976. He completed pilot training as a distinguished graduate, and in 1982 completed Squadron Officer's School as a distinguished graduate. After several increasingly responsible positions in the National Guard organization, he came to Kansas in 1994 as Vice-Commander of the 184th Bomb Wing, Kansas Air National Guard, at McConnell Air Force Base; subsequently he served as Commander of the 184th Bomb Wing at Wichita from 1997 to 1999 before coming to Topeka as the Adjutant General for the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, General Gardner is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, the Air War College and Capstone; as a command pilot he has over 4,000 flight hours and has flown over 20 military and civilian aircraft. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, General Gardner and his wife Kimberly are the proud parents of two children, Gary and Rachael: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Major General Gregory B. Gardner for the many years of meritorious service he has given the state as the commander of the state's military assets and as a national leader in the war against terrorism; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Major General (Retired) Gregory B. Gardner, 1516 Alvamar Drive, Lawrence, KS 66047-1603 and to Jay Moser, Public Affairs Officer, Adjutant General's Department, 2800 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66611-1287.

Senate Resolution No. 1806 was sponsored by Senators Oleen, Buhler, Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Brownlee, Brungardt, Bunten, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Helgerson, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jordan, Journey, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

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.*